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FDR and Pearl Harbor: The Primer for the Zionist Assault on the American Republic and the Nation of Iran

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Preemptive War, State Sponsored Terrorism, Cultural Subversion, and the Criminalization of Dissent as a Total Package of Zionist/Jewish Methodology

By Mark Dankof

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Mark Dankof in Washington, D. C. in November of 2011

"Eternally Dedicated to the Old American Right, the Old American Republic which hated Empire, and the Nation and People of Iran"

Let me begin by saying that I have my own reasons for being in Iran today. As one who is an orthodox Lutheran Christian, and who loves the Constitutional heritage of an America that is long gone, I am reminded at this moment that back in early July, at the pro-Zionist national conclave of the so-called **Christians United for Israel (CUFI)** founded by **John Hagee of Cornerstone Church** in San Antonio, **Malcolm Hoenlein, the Executive Vice-President of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations**, made the statement when receiving the *Defender of Israel* award from Hagee's organization, that **American Christian support of Israel** and its bellicose policies toward Iran, was **Israel's "nuclear weapon."** At this same gathering, the Israeli press quoted Hoenlein as saying ". . . the **Jewish lobby** is a myth. **Our job is to make it a legend.**"



The Samson Option: The Zionist State's Endgame for the Middle East and the World?

Make no mistake about it. The Talmudic Racial Supremacist doctrine of Zionism has nothing to do with Christianity and the teachings of Jesus Christ. And the fraudulent 19th century interpretation of the Bible known as Dispensational Premillennialism, popularized by the *Scofield Reference Bible*, is both bad theology and bad foreign policy for the United States (see my paper on Dispensationalism entitled "[A Historical Critique of Dispensationalism, Zionism, and Daniel's Prophecy of 70 Weeks](http://MarkDankof.com)" at MarkDankof.com). As an American and a Christian, I am called to expose Hagee and Hoenlein and their Fellow Travelers as the clones of the *Prince of Darkness*. They are evil. Their ideology is evil. Those who blindly follow them are on the road to perdition, even as they take the United States and the world down the pathway to global tragedy. All of this is why I am here today.

There is yet another reason. I love Iran, and always have since I first visited it as a young person of only 18 years of age. It is almost impossible to believe I am back here again after so many years of absence from this great country and interaction with its wonderful people. I was here a lifetime ago, in terms of everything that has happened since the late 1970s in the world, to American-Iranian relations, and to me personally.



Christian Zionist John Hagee of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio and Christians United for Israel (CUFI): Netanyahu's point man in enlisting American evangelicals in World War III for the Zionist Enterprise and the New World Order.

I owe a debt of gratitude for both invitations to visit Iran once more after a 37 year absence, both to the **2nd International Conference of Independent Thinkers (New Horizon)** sponsored by the Iranian Ministry of Culture, and the **Habilian Association of Iran**, which has done more to chronicle the hideous history of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK) in the murder of some 17,000 Iranian citizens, than any other organization of which I am personally aware.

When I think of Iran just now, my mind goes back to the early summer of 1973. I had just graduated from high school in Dayton, Ohio. My **late father** had returned in April of that year from Vietnam, to subsequently retire from the United States Air Force after 32 years of active duty service. I had been accepted for the fall of 1973 for collegiate study at Valparaiso University in Indiana, America's largest Lutheran institution of higher education.



Valparaiso University's Chapel of the Resurrection. Largest University Chapel in the United States.

My father's intention was to settle down, preferably in the American Midwest, after decades of traveling around the world and moving his family on a constant basis. His two leading possibilities for civilian employment involved teaching at either Kearney State Teachers College in Nebraska, or his alma mater, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). As it turned out, the open doors in these places quietly closed during his last several years in Southeast Asia. Other inquiries in the spring and early summer of 1973 turned up empty.

But when he sent a resume to an American aerospace company, Lockheed, there was immediate interest. The phone rang in my parents' apartment in Dayton. It was Lockheed in Marietta, Georgia outside of Atlanta. My father's presence was requested in Atlanta immediately for a job interview. The company wanted to fly my mother down there also for conversation.

Upon return from Atlanta, my parents announced in Dayton they were leaving the United States again for a new assignment: My father was to become an employee of the Lockheed Company, serving as a logistics advisor and consultant to the Imperial Iranian Air Force.



Mark Dankof's father's headstone in section 54, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

I remember being incredulous, first that after retirement from the American Air Force, my father's first job in civilian life since 1941 would involve leaving the United States for the umpteenth time. **Second, I had only the vaguest of ideas as to where Iran was, and of what interest it was to my own country. That is how ignorant I was, how little I really knew.** This is especially revealing when one considers that I was far more well traveled and politically astute than the vast percentage of American youth my age at that time. TV News, newspapers, and conversations on matters political were standard fare in my home growing up. My travels with my father to Southeast Asia in the summer of 1972 after finishing a year at Iolani School in Honolulu had begun to open up horizons beyond American borders. But it was only a beginning.

In my case, first coming to this country for a visit in May of 1974, two months short of my 19th birthday, changed the course of my life. I would return here in the summer of 1975 and 1976, as well as the Christmas seasons of those two years. I would celebrate my 21st birthday in this country, the month and summer of the American Bicentennial (1976). In those brief visits, I made the most I could of the experience. I began finding English language books on the history of Iran. I began traveling outside Tehran, including Iranian Azerbaijan, the Caspian region, Lar Valley, Isfahan, Shiraz, Pasargadae, and Persepolis. Since I was on summer vacation from college in Indiana, I did not have the time to spend trying to learn Farsi. This is a deficiency I have felt personally in all the years since leaving this country. Someday I would like to remedy this, even at a far more advanced age now. If my profile as an American political dissident in the last two decades results in my eventual exile from the country of my birth, perhaps I would come full circle and reside here for the duration. Learning the language would no longer be a luxury, but a necessity.



Mark Dankof turns 21 in North Tehran during the American Bicentennial.

I do not say this lightly. To put into perspective how vulnerable I and several others could prove to be, as critics of the Zionist-inspired American Empire and our Israel First policies, **Dr. Philip Giraldi, the ex-CIA analyst and outstanding critic of Israel and Zionism found at**

the Council for the National Interest, Antiwar.com, and The American Conservative, directly warned Mark Glenn and me on his own initiative, that leaving the United States before the next Presidential "election" in 2016, might prove to be an auspicious move for all three of us, and others. He suggested several places in Latin America. This is how late the hour might be for people in our present business and struggle. But then again, none of us got into this for money, or career advancement, or ease, but to prevent the consummation of the most evil plan, on the part of the most evil forces, that presently exist in world history. Let there be no mistake. **The Zionist ideology, and the international banking system and technocracy which are attempting to establish the New World Order, are not simply evil, but the greatest evil to threaten humanity in history.** In this regard, *The Apocalypse of John* written on the island of Patmos during the reign of Emperor Domitian (A. D. 81-96), coincides with the eschatological analysis of Islam in terms of the identity of the Beast and the forces aligned with him that threaten us all today who are here.



John on Patmos: Exiled Because of Resistance to the Emperor Worship Cultus of Domitian (A. D. 81-96).

But reading books of all kinds was a critical factor in moving me over many years to a better and more critical understanding of American history, the American political scene, and the increasingly evil character of my own government as that evolved over the course of my lifetime. You must all understand that I did this almost entirely on my own. The American educational system as I experienced it in both public and private institutions largely failed me, and many others, by failing to facilitate the examination of all the responsible sources and engaging in honest self-examination of our country's real history, and the meaning of that history. **This is not by accident, but design. Critical analysis of facts was replaced with Mythology,** for reasons we shall understand more fully in a few minutes.

As a **thesis statement** for my portion of this program, let me state that **Mythological Interpretation of History** is the key to facilitating the acceptance of **the unthinkable:** being ruled by a government committed to the ideology of **Preemptive War, State Sponsored Terrorism, Cultural Subversion, and the Criminalization of Dissent** by those who stridently disagree with these policies and their acceptability in a civilized society. **The other side of the Coin of Mythological Interpretation is Demonization,** the Demonization of the victims of these policies. A corollary of Demonization is the **denial of the humanity** of the victims, and their status as God's children. A corollary of both Mythological Interpretation and Demonization is **the spinning of deliberate falsehoods,** especially through **Controlled Mass Media** in a technological age. A related corollary is the **Erasure of Historical Memory,** when it comes to individual and collective recall of the factual and the accurate, which cannot be tolerated by any government committed to **Preemptive War, State Sponsored Terrorism, Cultural Subversion, and the Criminalization of Dissent.**

In terms of our Conference participants understanding how my personal Odyssey to a better place began, and how all of this relates to the present situation with Iran *vis a vis* the

United States and the Zionist State of Israel, I will simply mention a few events.

The first is the Kennedy Assassination. I was in the 3rd grade at Floyd Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama in November of 1963. My father was stationed at the Air War College there. I was terrified that afternoon, and all through the weekend. I would later witness Jack Ruby's televised murder of Lee Harvey Oswald that Sunday. When the Warren Commission in 1964 told the American public that Oswald acted alone, my father indicated his support for this verdict.

But my own youthful reading led me in 1966 at the age of 11 to Mark Lane's expose, *Rush to Judgment* and to Josiah Thompson's *Six Seconds in Dallas*. These in turn led me to many other books on the subject over many years. A real turning point was at Valparaiso University in 1975 where African American comedian Dick Gregory showed me and a few others the infamous Zapruder film, complete with Frame 313. This film had been suppressed from public view for a dozen years after the killing. I could see why, after viewing the film. Kennedy was clearly the victim of a crossfire, involving multiple assassins. The American public was lied to by its own government.



Mark Dankof in November of 1963: Age 8, Montgomery, Alabama.

The Warren Commission's foundation, the Single Bullet theory contrived by Israeli Lobby asset, Arlen Specter, was a scientific and ballistical absurdity. What was going on here? This began not only my search for the truth about Kennedy's death, but a search for the larger philosophical questions about the character of my own government, and the search for the implications of the answers, which would haunt me for half a century thereafter.



The Linear Progression from Dealey Plaza to 9-11 and War with Iran: Mark Dankof photo of Elm Street from the Grassy Knoll in Dallas, September 1st, 2010.

After thousands of pages of reading over many years, and talking to people who actually knew something personally about Kennedy's violent end, I finally discovered Michael Collins Piper and his book, *Final Judgment*, after September 11th, 2001. **The contents of that book tied so many loose ends together, even as I was delving into the 9-11 event with questions that led to many of the same**

forces and suspects that had ended Kennedy's life in the early 1960s. What I now believe about Kennedy and 9-11 is not my focus today, but Conference Participants may reference my public interviews with Press TV and Kourosh Ziabari in these areas. Especially helpful may be [Kourosh Ziabari and Fars News Agency: A Conversation with Mark Dankof on Israel and 9-11](#), along with [Mark Dankof's Final Word on Michael Collins Piper's Final Judgment on Israel and the Assassination of JFK](#), and [Mordechai Vanunu and Michael Collins Piper Converge: The Israeli Mossad Assassinated JFK](#).



Mark Dankof and Michael Collins Piper of the American Free Press in the Nation's Capitol: November 2011

What is noteworthy for our purposes now, is not simply to see a connection between JFK and 9-11, but between these tragedies and how and why the United States ended up in World War II. And the connection between these 3 events, and the current threat of war today in 2013 between the United States and its Zionist ally on the one hand, and Iran on the other. I cannot overemphasize this in today's conversation with everyone gathered here in Tehran at this very moment in time.

The second event which tells you more about who I am now, involved one Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the infamous Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. I was not born until 1955, of course, but in the 1960s and 1970s, two different Air Force tours on Oahu with my father enabled me to develop an extreme interest in the subject. The event that involved my life with Roosevelt's legacy, and the tragedy of December 7th, 1941, occurred in **late 1971 or early 1972**, during my sojourn in high school at Iolani School in downtown Honolulu, near the Ala Wai Canal, Diamond Head, and Waikiki Beach.



Investigating FDR's Duplicity on Pearl Harbor: Mark Dankof at Iolani School in Honolulu in 1972.

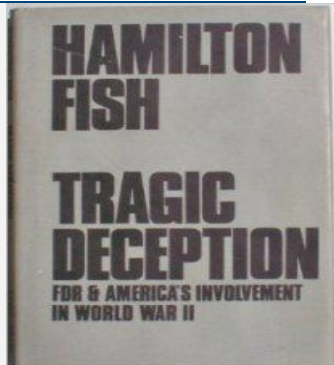
There was a fantastic American history teacher at Iolani in those days, the late, salty retired American Navy Captain R. C. Sleight. He had been a destroyer skipper in World War II. His politics were Right of Center, but he had plenty of room in the class for anyone who disagreed with his views with their own academic and political perspective, if it was credible. His sardonic humor, Sea Captain's expressions, and wit would be ruled out-of-bounds in American education today. His brute frankness which cut through canards, shoddy thinking, and superficial analysis, would be intolerable to the *Minions of*

Political Correctness [Jewish Political Correctness] that control what passes for education in the United States now. It was my privilege to have one last conversation with him by telephone, when visiting Honolulu for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary in 1991, 20 years after I left Iolani School as a student. I shall never forget him. I have thought of him many times in all the years since.



Iolani School in Honolulu: Diamond Head, Ala Wai Canal, and Waikiki are prominent.

When we got to the subject of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and World War II one morning at Iolani School, Sleight became especially serious. He made it clear that he did not agree with the Establishment Consensus on FDR, or the events that led up to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His reasons for this statement were not entirely elaborated upon with the class, but I noticed that the bibliography he distributed on these subjects included a section entitled ***Revisionist History Books on Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor***. When I returned to my home at Hickam AFB in Honolulu on the Pearl Harbor Channel Entrance on Julian Avenue that evening, I began looking at this particular section of the bibliography. The titles told me something about the contents of the books. (I have recently gone back into this fine but dated bibliography, at the suggestion of **Dr. Paul Sheldon Foote** of Cal State-Fullerton, to add the **Hamilton Fish** volume entitled "**Tragic Deception: FDR and America's Involvement in World War II.**")



Hamilton Fish joins Herbert Hoover, John Toland, Robert Stinnett, and John Koster, in laying the foundation for the damning case against Roosevelt and his Red Agent advisors like Harry Dexter White, who set up the Pearl Harbor tragedy and everything that followed.

Did President Franklin Delano Roosevelt really know in advance that the American Pacific Fleet was going to be attacked at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7th, 1941? Was that information deliberately withheld from the American Commanders at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband Kimmel and General Walter Short? If so, why? The mere thought of something like this alternated in my mind between the preposterous and the monstrous. Could anyone really seriously entertain this idea who was sane?

I could not sleep in my bedroom at Hickam AFB that night. My night thoughts would not allow my mind a nocturnal peace, despite the Pacific Ocean breeze and the sound of rustling palm trees outside my window.

The American Air Force planes that constantly overflow my home on Julian Avenue, headed toward a landing strip at Hickam's Military Airlift Command (MAC) terminal, also punctuated a sleepless night.

I made a private appointment to see Captain Sleight in his academic office at Iolani School. When I arrived, he pointed to a chair in front of his desk. He had the same demeanor as

other military men I had grown up around in the Air Force, when serious conversation was imminent. He told me to sit down.

Sleight asked me why I had come in, what the nature of my concern was. I was just as much to the point. Basically, I indicated I'd like to know what Revisionist History was. And whether or not he thought there was any truth to what I was picking up on in the bibliography he had passed out to the class, regarding President Roosevelt having advance knowledge of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the American Pacific Fleet.



1972: Mark Dankof's Home at Hickam AFB was on Julian Ave on the Pearl Harbor Channel Entrance.



October 1940: Hickam AFB, Pearl Harbor, Ford Island, and Battleship Row in Peace, while FDR and Harry Dexter White plot World War II.

He lit his infamous pipe and looked at me with a seriously piercing examination I had never quite seen before. His question to me, before proceeding, was one I have heard a thousand times, as the son of a military man, a Lutheran pastor, an activist, and a journalist:

"Are we speaking totally off-the-record here?"

I indicated that we were.

Sleight then proceeded. I will never forget what he said, and how clearly and powerfully he said it, while continuing to pierce me with the penetrating focus he always had when zeroing in on something that was pivotal.

What he said was simply this: "**Roosevelt not only *knew* about the attack in advance, he *deliberately provoked it*, from **October of 1940** onward. And the United States not only had the capability to intercept Japanese **diplomatic** communications, as the *Tora! Tora! Tora!* movie (1971) depicts, but had the network and the active Naval Intelligence operation going on throughout the Pacific, to intercept Japanese **military** communications. We were listening in constantly on [Admiral] Yamamoto's radio communications with [Admiral] Nagumo, after Nagumo departed from Hitokappu Bay in Japan in late November of 1941 with the six (6) aircraft carriers which comprised the task force which ended up 200 miles north of here, launching the attack on Pearl, Wheeler, Schofield, Hickam, Shafter, and Kaneohe on**

December 7th. If you want to know why, you have to find out about the **[Arthur] McCollum memorandum to Roosevelt in October of 1940**. That's the Rosetta Stone."



FDR and the USS Arizona: The Winners are the Jews, the British, the Bankers, and Stalin.

How, I asked, do I find this stuff. Answer: "Presently, you won't. I know about it from classified Naval Intelligence materials I've seen, and my conversations with a couple of the guys doing the cryptology and the intercepting in the project which was intercepting Japanese military communications. **That stuff, and the very existence of the program, is still top secret.** Maybe in your lifetime, you'll be able to see the evidence on paper."

My last remark was that I had just seen a documentary film on Roosevelt's speech to the 1940 Democratic National Convention, assuring Americans he would keep their kids out of any European, or foreign war, period.

Captain Sleight cut to the chase: "Roosevelt was a duplicitous, lying son of a b---. He lied this country into a war that was totally avoidable. If he's **the model of the American Presidency** in the world we live in now, God help us. The **Mythology** that surrounds this guy is enough to make you puke. And don't ever forget it."

I never did forget it. And yes, thanks to Robert Stinnett, author of **Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor**, and his Freedom of Information Act law suit against the Federal Government of the United States, the evidence is now in for all to see. Stinnett was one of those secret cryptographers in the network that was intercepting Japanese military communications in the Pacific, and the specific conversations between Yamamoto and Nagumo that Captain R. C. Sleight had told me about in Honolulu decades before. His book includes the infamous **McCollum Memorandum of October 1940** and its so-called **Eight (8) Point Action Memo "designed to provoke Japan into an overt act of war."**



Hickam AFB Under Japanese Attack: December 7th, 1941.

The complete text of the McCollum Memorandum is presented in **Appendix A** of the Stinnett book, which provides

a photographic copy of what Stinnett discovered personally in Box 6 of a special U. S. Navy collection in RG 38 in the Military Reference Branch of Archives II, **January 24, 1995**.

Lieutenant Commander Arthur H. McCollum, fluent in Japanese as one who grew up in Japan as the son of American Baptist missionaries there, was the head of the **Far East desk of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)**. His office was an element of **Station US**, a secret American cryptographic center located at the main naval headquarters at 18th Street and Constitution Avenue N. W., about four blocks from the White House. As Stinnett freely admits it in *Day of Deceit*, the Eight (8) Point Action Memo called for "**virtually inciting a Japanese attack on American ground, air and naval forces in Hawaii, as well as on British and Dutch colonial outposts in the Pacific region.**"

The Eight (8) Points are as follows:

1. Make an arrangement with Britain for the use of British bases in the Pacific, particularly Singapore.
2. Make an arrangement with Holland for the use of base facilities and acquisition of supplies in the Dutch East Indies [now Indonesia].
3. Give all possible aid to the Chinese government of Chiang Kai-shek.
4. Send a division of long-range heavy cruisers to the Orient, Philippines, or Singapore.
5. Send two divisions of submarines to the Orient.
6. Keep the main strength of the U. S. Fleet, now in the Pacific, in the vicinity of the Hawaiian Islands.
7. Insist that the Dutch refuse to grant Japanese demands for undue economic concessions, particularly oil.
8. Completely embargo all trade with Japan, in collaboration with a similar embargo imposed by the British Empire.

It is critical that we understand the **exact timing** of this Eight (8) Point Action Memo of Lieutenant Commander Arthur McCollum, as Stinnett explains it to us:

"[Admiral] Richardson's removal [as CINCPAC, or Commander in Chief Pacific] on February 1st, 1941, strengthened the position of McCollum. Only five months earlier, in mid-September 1940, Germany and her Axis partner, Italy, had signed a mutual-assistance alliance with Japan. The Tripartite Pact committed the three partners to assist each other in the event of an attack on any one of them. McCollum saw the alliance as a golden opportunity. If Japan could be provoked into committing an overt act of war against the United States, then the Pact's mutual assistance provisions would kick in. It was a back-door approach: Germany and Italy would come to Japan's aid and thus directly involve the United States in the European war."

Thus, the roadmap for what Stinnett terms "**FDR's Back Door to War**" was set. Perhaps the greatest indication of the mindset of both Arthur McCollum and Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the former's "**Action D**," which involved the **deliberate deployment of American warships within or adjacent to the territorial waters of Japan**. We now know that FDR personally took charge of secret White House meetings where Action D was discussed and implemented. The President termed these illegal and reckless provocations "**pop-up**" cruises. These cruises were opposed by Admiral Husband Kimmel (CINCPAC commander) who objected to Action D as ". . . ill-advised and will result in war if we make this move." Stinnett notes that:

"From March through July 1941, White House records show that FDR ignored international law and dispatched naval task groups into Japanese waters on three such pop-up cruises. One of the most provocative was a sortie into the Bungo Strait southeast of Honshu, the principal access to Japan's Inland Sea. The strait separates the home islands of Kyushu and Shikoku, and was a favored operational area for the warships of the Imperial Japanese Navy in 1941."

Footnote 11 for chapter 2 of *Day of Deceit* clinches how deeply involved Franklin Roosevelt was in these reckless, illegal, provocative, and un-Constitutional actions embodied in Action D. Stinnett's footnote states:

"Documentation that directly links FDR with McCollum's Action D—sending US Navy cruisers in provocative moves against Japan includes the following: the first discussion in the White House **February 10, 1941**. Present were President **Roosevelt**; Secretary of State, **Cordell Hull**; Secretary of War, **Henry L. Stimson**; Secretary of the Navy, **Frank Knox**; General **George Marshall**, Army Chief of Staff; and Admiral **Harold R. Stark**, Chief of Naval Operations. **Stark warned FDR that the cruises "will precipitate hostilities."** PHPT 16-2150 and PHPT 33, p. 1203. **FDR advocated the cruises, says Stark in PHPT 33, p. 1203."**

There is another critical Rosetta Stone and smoking gun in the Pearl Harbor conspiracy involving Franklin Roosevelt and the subsequent set-up of Admiral Husband Kimmel (CINCPAC), and the later publication of the fraudulent Roberts Commission report on the Pearl Harbor attack. I will simply mention it for those subsequently interested in further research of this horrifying episode in American history: The **Prokofiev Seamount** (Stinnett 146, 148, 150, 233) and the **Vacant Sea Order** (Stinnett 144-46, 149, 160, 187, 188, 193). These gems are accompanied by the **White House Route Logs and Station US files, RG 38, MMRB, Archives H Document**, which lists the **Thirty Six Americans Cleared to Read the Japanese Diplomatic and Military Intercepts in 1941**. **What is incredible about this document is that it proves ("access restricted") that the intelligence from this electronic surveillance and decryption was withheld from Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, CINCPAC in Hawaii, and Lieutenant General Walter Short, the Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department, U. S. Army, Fort Shafter, Oahu. Why???**

I hope that at this point in the narrative, everyone here is already **connecting the dots**. The **Mythology** that surrounds Franklin Delano Roosevelt to this day could not be sustained without the absolute cooperation of the American government, the corporations, the news media, Hollywood, the sycophants in the American National Security apparatus, and the educational system. **This Mythology conceals the illegal, un-Constitutional, and yes, criminal mind of America's 32nd President**. Even more so, for those who are analyzing Roosevelt by comparison now to George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and their respective actions *vis a vis* Iran and the Middle East in the 21st century, the references we have already made to secrecy, duplicity, economic sanctions, and illegal covert military operations conducted by Franklin Roosevelt, should serve as an ominously suggestive **prototype and precursor** to what has been happening with American Presidential Administrations of recent years and their equally criminal operations against **Iran**. Even more ominously, as demonstrated by Mark Weber in his essay, "**President Roosevelt's Campaign to Incite War in Europe: The Secret Polish Documents**," the **political forces** operating behind and through Franklin Roosevelt, are identical to those in play in the American political power elite now: **International Central Bankers** and the disproportionate role of Jews in that milieu; **Zionists and the Jewish and Israeli Lobby organizations**; and in the case of the Roosevelt Administration, the **pro-Soviet foreign policy agenda of key Jewish agents** in their midst, the 20th century counterpart to the **Israel First Fifth Column** operating in the Bush and Obama Administrations in the 21st, as demonstrated by the **publicly revealed names** in the United States involved in the **successful Public Relations campaign** to have the American State Department remove the **Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK/MKO)** from the official American governmental list of known terrorist organizations around the globe.

What is going on with this campaign?

The what and why are crystal clear. **The Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK) has been enlisted by the Israeli Mossad and the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for covert acts of terror and criminality against the present government of Iran**. The message?: **Terror is legitimate when pursued by those we Mythologize, against those**

we Demonize and Dehumanize, so much so that the word "Terrorism" is removed in most Orwellian fashion from the MEK and its activities, to be replaced with words and terms like "Freedom Fighting" and "Human Rights." **Historical memory** of the track record of the MEK throughout its blood-stained history must be **removed and erased** also, as a part of a very familiar and evil process of **self-justification**.



The Mossad and the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK/PMOI): Will Israel employ them in a False Flag Operation against the United States falsely pinned on Tehran? Is World War III the Endgame?

The Israeli-linked campaign in the United States and Europe to legitimize the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK) is only the tip of the iceberg. We now know, courtesy of **Seymour M. Hersh's** article, "**Our Men in Iran?**" in the April 6, 2012 *New Yorker*, and **Glenn Greenwald's** "**U. S. Trained Terror Group**" in the April 6, 2012 *Salon*, that the **Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) began training members of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK) in the United States at a secret facility in Nevada in 2005**. According to one of Hersh's informants, JSOC provided MEK personnel with "**the standard training, including communications, cryptography, small-unit tactics, and weaponry**" over a period of at least 6 months. Few doubt the MEK link to the assassinations of Iranian scientists and other acts of criminality in this country in recent years, as the pro-Zionist *Newsweek* has virtually confirmed publicly. But will the MEK be a convenient tool for a **false flag attack in the domestic United States designed by Israel for false linkage to Iran** and the provision of a subsequent *causis belli* ("cause for war") for overt hostilities with Iran to commence? Keep your ears close to the tracks. . .

If Christopher Bollyn and Robert Sungenis are correct about the real architects of September 11, 2001, we had better anticipate the worst. . . .

For the previously uninitiated, I will recommend several brief articles. One is **David Martin's "Stalin's Secret Agents: The Subversion of Roosevelt's Government."** Please consult **Elizabeth Rubin's** op-ed in the *New York Times* of **August 13th, 2011** entitled, "**An Iranian Cult and Its American Friends**," along with her earlier **July 13, 2003** piece entitled, "**The Cult of Rajavi**." My own past interview with your Habibian Association on the MEK may prove instructive as well. See "**Iran's Habibian Association Talks to Mark Dankof: The MEK Delisting and the Zionist War Agenda**." And lastly, the annual documentation of Israeli PAC money funding American elections put together by the *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* (WRMEA) will document the magnitude of the problem we mutually face.

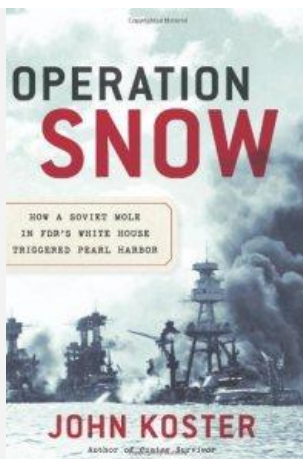
But let us return, momentarily to Franklin Roosevelt and the run-up to Pearl Harbor. In this instance, our focus shall now be upon **the diplomatic games being played by the United States Government with Japan leading to December 7th, 1941**. Here, Mythology matches what it accomplishes with the McCollum Memorandum and its Eight (8) Point Action Memo.

What we now know, eternally grateful to the uncovering and publishing of the real story, is that **no amount of good will, no amount of concession on the part of the Japanese government in 1941, would deter Franklin Roosevelt and his Jewish power brokers from the drive**

to war with Japan. Why? This is easily understood. 1) Central Bankers always profit by war. In the case of the United States, this is fueled by the creation of the Federal Reserve Board in 1913, as a precursor to the absolute global militarization of American foreign policy ever since. 2) An American-Japanese war in the Pacific would not simply be a back-door way of involving the United States in Churchill's war against Hitler in Europe, also a Jewish objective, but would **terminate the threat of an alliance between Imperial Japan and Adolf Hitler in a two way invasion of the Soviet Union. This was an essential objective of the Jewish power nexus.** David Martin's aforementioned essay gingerly admits this.

The key for understanding this last point is **Operation Snow**, the Rosetta Stone. Take it to the bank. The information about *Operation Snow* continues to unfold. The recent release of **John Koster's "Operation Snow: How a Soviet Mole in FDR's White House Triggered Pearl Harbor,"** has begun this new unraveling of Establishment American History About Roosevelt and World War II in earnest. The Soviet Mole is **Harry Dexter White.** White was the son of **Lithuanian Jewish** immigrants to the United States. When the evidence becomes too voluminous to deny, regarding pro-Stalin agents and Franklin Roosevelt, you can at least be sure **the American Establishment will detach White, and so many others, from the obvious implications of their Jewish identification.** In the same way, the **modern Jewish character of the American Neo-Conservative political movement,** which drives the American war machine globally and in the Middle East, which is proven by a blizzard of responsible academic research and writing, will be buried by a compliant American media and educational establishment beholden to Zionist interests. How much longer can this continue? And how much more obvious must it be, that every single American military operation in the Middle East and Central Asia today, is driven by the Israeli/Jewish agenda compiled by the **Project for the New American Century** in 1996 and its document of that time entitled, **"A Clean Break: A Strategy for Securing the Realm"**?

In the case of the tragic events of 1941, the latest revelations occur with the publication of President Herbert Hoover's diary and the 50 pages they contain about Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor. Edited by George Nash, the volume is entitled, **"Freedom Betrayed: Herbert Hoover's History of the Second World War and Its Aftermath."**



Harry Dexter White: The Lithuanian Jew Whose Operation Snow for FDR and Joseph Stalin Killed Americans at Pearl Harbor. Can You Spell Treason?

Everyone here in Tehran should one day avail himself or herself of the contents, not simply to understand what happened then, but what is happening now, in the runup to a war between the United States/Israel and Iran, that I believe only Divine Intervention can stop. The forces that desire it are those who had their way with

Americans in the 1930s and 1940s. We have been living with the aftermath ever since.

The basic facts are these. Japan in 1941 was bogged down in a 4 year war with China she could neither win nor end. Japan's move into French Indochina had created a sense that the Japanese Empire was at the end of the line in its war configuration.

Inside the Japanese government was a powerful faction led by Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoye that desperately wanted to avoid war with the United States. The pro-Anglo-Saxon camp included the Japanese Navy. The War Party within the Japanese government included the Army, General Hideki Tojo, and Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, whose virulent anti-American views were especially pronounced in the anti-Anglo-Saxon camp in the struggle for control of the direction of the Japanese government.

On **July 18, 1941**, a critically important opportunity emerged for the United States. Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoye ousted Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka. Konoye's replacement proved to be a pro-Anglo-Saxon, Admiral Teijiro Toyoda.

The American response was equally pivotal. It proved what I believe to be just as true today of a Zionist Occupied American Government in the latter's desire to see a war with Iran transpire, at any cost, because of the Talmudic bloodlust of the Netanyahu regime in Israel and its backers in the United States. Franklin Roosevelt wanted war with Japan, at any cost, because the Bankers wanted that conflict to transpire as a prelude to a back-door entry into the British war with Adolf Hitler, and because **it guaranteed Japan's diversion from any threat of participation with Hitler in a two-pronged invasion of Bolshevik Russia, a Bolshevik Russia dear to the hearts of organized World Jewry and the Harry Dexter Whites of the Roosevelt administration.**



Harry Dexter White: Working for FDR, Joseph Stalin, and The Bankers.

On **July 25, 1941**, one week after the apparent victory of Konoye over Matsuoka, the United States froze all Japanese assets in the United States, ending all imports and exports, and denying Japan the oil upon which the Japanese Empire depended. Does this sound familiar to Iranians today dealing with Mr. Roosevelt's descendant, Barack Obama? Is it a portent of things to come?

One thing is clear. Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoye, although stunned, still believed in the desire of the United States for peace with his country, and won secret support from both the Japanese Navy and Army for a meeting with Franklin Roosevelt, on the U. S. side of the Pacific, to continue good faith dialogue with the American Chief Executive.

It is especially noteworthy that U. S. Ambassador to Japan, Joseph Grew, implored his Administration not to ignore the overture from Konoye or the opportunity for peaceful resolution of the crisis offered. Konoye had convinced Grew an agreement on Japanese withdrawal from Indochina, and from South and Central China, could be reached. Fear of

Mao's armies and Stalin's Russia understandably prompted Japan to hold a buffer in North China.

On **August 28, 1941**, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States presented Franklin Roosevelt a letter, containing Konoye's offer to the President to meet face-to-face. There was but one condition: Tokyo begged Roosevelt to keep the letter, and the offer, secret. The reason was entirely legitimate: a public revelation of the Japanese Prime Minister's offer to cross the Pacific to speak to an American President could imperil the survivability of his government.

Yes, you guessed it. On **September 3, 1941**, the letter and its contents were conveniently leaked to the *Herald-Tribune* newspaper.

On **September 6, 1941**, Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoye met again with American Ambassador Joseph Grew over a 3 hour dinner, telling Grew the Japanese now agreed with the 4 principles advanced by the United States Government for peace.

The response from Roosevelt: No response.

On **September 29, 1941**, Grew sent what Herbert Hoover described as a "prayer" to Roosevelt, begging the latter not to let a chance for peace elude the United States.

On **September 30, 1941**, Grew wrote to Washington, "Konoye's warship is ready and waiting to take him to Honolulu, Alaska, or anywhere else designated by the President [Roosevelt]."

No response. On **October 16, 1941**, Konoye's cabinet fell.

In November, the United States intercepted 2 new offers from Tokyo: a Plan A for an end to the China war and occupation of Indochina. If that were rejected, Plan B called for a *modus vivendi* where neither side would make any new moves.

The response from Roosevelt: Rejection out of hand.

This then brought about the infamous meeting of Franklin Roosevelt's War Council, on **November 25, 1941**. In this gathering, Secretary of War Henry Stimson [privy as we have already seen to Roosevelt's illegal incursions into Japanese territorial waters courtesy of Arthur McCollum's Action D recommendations], makes written notes of the conversations of the War Council. The prevailing consensus, according to Stimson, is as follows:

"The question was how we should maneuver them (the Japanese) into. . . firing the first shot without allowing too much danger to ourselves."

What was the result of Mr. Roosevelt's version of diplomacy?

Here is the result for all to see: Thousands of lives ended or ruined, the burnt ashes of a radiated Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the fall of China to Mao, American involvement in Korea and Vietnam, the rise of Communist China, and the expansion of the Soviet Empire in Eastern Europe and elsewhere after the end of World War II. The establishment of the Zionist State of Israel in 1948 would pin the fortunes of the United States to this entity, resulting in the present overextension of the American Empire in the Middle East and Central Asia, with yet more war to unfold. This is why **Tyler Kent**, the American linguist and cryptologist operating out of the American Embassy in London, revealed to key figures in the American Congress and elsewhere, what Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were cooking up in the runup to Pearl Harbor. **Kent was the Edward Snowden of his time.** In the aftermath of his **arrest in May of 1940**, his life would never be quite the same again. The shadow of Roosevelt and his duplicity in destroying what Kent knew of the United States prior to that time, would follow the latter all the way to the end of his life in Kerrville, Texas in 1988.

Even more ominously, it proved to be the expansion of the insidious doctrine of American Exceptionalism, the Rooseveltian belief in the Imperial Presidency as understood by Mr. Roosevelt's successors, the explosion of growth in an American National Security State which threatens the Bill of Rights and the survivability of the American Dollar, and **the ongoing expansion of Jewish power in all the basic**

institutions in American life since the end of the Roosevelt era and the Second World War that many argue marked the beginning of the end of the Western World.

These are the fruits of American "victory," a most Pyrrhic triumph. Among these poisonous fruits has been the introduction of the demonic into the American-Iranian relationship, courtesy of the **1953 Operation Ajax** of the American CIA and the British MI6, and the backing of the Rockefeller Empire, the oil consortiums, and the Zionist entity. When we speak of **Mythology, Demonization, and the Erasure of Historical Memory**, let me share with you **that when I visited Iran as a young person for the first time at age 18, I had no idea of what the United States had done in this country in 1953, or why.** The names of Kermit Roosevelt and Donald Wilber meant nothing to me. The name of Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh meant nothing to me. **The increasing tension I sensed in a handful of summers in Iran in Pahlavi Iran in the 1970s was one I could not possibly understand as a young American college student.** The information, and the context, of this brewing cauldron was one that had been at first denied to me. Later I would receive a false spin and explanation for what had happened years before, couched primarily in the notion advanced by defenders of the American Governmental Establishment that Dr. Mossadegh was a "Communist" working in tandem with the Soviet KGB in Iran against both American and the Free World.

Thanks to the *American Free Press*, we now know the truth. That fine newspaper in 2007 republished the **Clandestine Service Historical Paper No. 208**, authored by **Dr. Donald N. Wilber** in March of 1954 and entitled, **"Overthrow of Prime Minister Mossadegh of Iran: November 1952-August 1953."** That document includes various Appendices, including the **"Initial Operation Plan for Project Ajax, as Cabled from Nicosia to Headquarters on 1 June 1953** [Preliminary Plan Prepared by SIS and CIA representatives on Cyprus]; and the **"London Draft of the Ajax Operational Plan."**

What does Dr. Wilber's published document reveal, complete with the original CIA and MI6 documents from that time, now declassified?

It reveals that the organized duplicity and criminality of Franklin Roosevelt would become the foundational methodology of every American Administration of the post-World War II period, conducted by the power elite we have already identified specifically, as the driving force behind it all. Understood comprehensively, the **Mythology of Franklin Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor becomes the Prototype and Concrete Foundation for all of the official public lies that would follow**, including the false official version as to why Harry Truman approved the use of atomic weapons against Hiroshima (a lie contradicted by the honesty of **General Curtis E. LeMay**, among others); the false official story about what happened to JFK in Dallas on November 22nd, 1963; and the false official story about who and what was behind September 11, 2001 in New York.

The methodologies of Mythology and Demonization especially characterize the entire history of the modern Zionist State of Israel, ranging from the role of the Meyer Lansky Jewish crime syndicate in the United States in providing funding for Menachem Begin and the Irgun in their bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, to official American silence on Deir Yassin and the Sabra and Shatila massacres years later in southern Lebanon. The silence is deafening in regard to the truth about the Lansky-Ben Gurion connection to the death of John Kennedy in Dallas and why, not to mention Israel's deliberate attack on the *USS Liberty* in 1967; the PROMIS affair and Robert Maxwell; the Pollard and AIPAC spy cases; the Israeli link to the crimes of the MEK in Iran in recent years; and the obvious Israeli link to the tragedy of American interventionism in the Middle East for decades, especially since the false flag incident of September 11, 2001.



What will be the next move of the Masters of the False Flag Operation? "By Way of Deception, Thou Shalt do War."

The most obvious Mythological Falsehood is this: That the Zionist State of Israel and the Zionist Occupied Government (ZOG) of the United States want peace and mutual trust and coexistence in the Middle East, compounded by the Demonization of Iran as the alleged source of every evil in the region. It is no different in any sense from the lies of 1940 and 1941 that Franklin Roosevelt and his backers wanted peace with Japan in the Pacific, and that the failure to achieve it was the result of Japanese intransigence, recklessness, and absence of goodwill.

If the Endgame of Pearl Harbor is the world we presently live in, it pales in comparison to the monstrous ramifications in history just ahead, if Netanyahu, the Lobby, and their allies in the governments of America and Europe get their way, with what they desire to do both **to Iran, and to American dissidents like me** who use our meager resources and lack of power to speak the truth to demonically exercised powers and principalities.

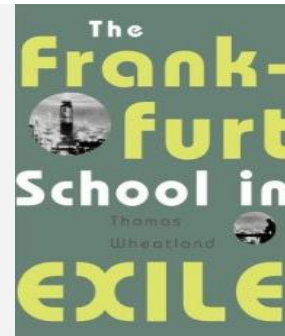
The ultimate truths are these. As General Robert E. Lee put it in the 19th Century, ***"The consolidation of the States into one vast Empire, sure to be aggressive abroad and despotic at home, will be the certain precursor to ruin which has overwhelmed all that preceded it."***

The aggressors against Iran are the same despots who have destroyed the economy, the culture, and the Constitutional Bill of Rights of my own country, especially since the advent of Franklin Roosevelt and World War II. Just as they have destroyed any vestige of the older Christian cultural and moral climate of my homeland, polluting the land with the **the Sexual and Drug Revolutions of the 1960s and the ideology of Sigmund Freud and the Frankfurt School**, they have destroyed the American currency and banking system since 1913 with the Federal Reserve Board's fiat money, usury, and the drive to Globalization, War, and Rumor of War. The American Domestic Police State since 2001 has had the full involvement and support of the Israeli telecommunications industry and Israeli security companies who are assisting the government of the United States in the implementation of the *USA Patriot Acts*, the *Military Commissions Act of 2006*, the various versions of the *National Defense Authorizations Act (NDAA)*, and the wholesale warrantless electronic surveillance of the National Security Agency (NSA). Surely **the Beast** (Revelation 13) is soon to be fully unveiled, desirous of devouring all those who will not take his name, or his mark on the forehead or the right hand. . . .

And as they target Iran with economic sanctions; MEK-linked terror attacks; societal subversion with Western (Jewish) supported pornography, abortion, and every brand of sexual perversion; and a technologically empowered Mass Media Demonization, so the European and American dissidents who refuse to countenance the physical, economic, and moral assault on Iran can, are, and will be increasingly targeted.

As it was provably the Jewish Lobby and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL) who stirred Franklin Roosevelt's Justice Department to begin politically motivated and un-Constitutional persecution of American dissidents from Roosevelt's World War II policies, culminating in the famous **Great Sedition Trial of 1944**, so it is that the ADL is

now working hand-in-glove with American intelligence and police agencies to create secret dossiers and profiles of their opponents, for most obvious purposes. **It has already started for many of our speakers here today from the States or Europe.** In my case, I was targeted for anonymous Internet vilification from obviously Jewish sites that were later **provably traced** to the offices of **Rabbi Arveh Tuchman**, Director of the Library and Research Center and the Assistant Director of the Civil Rights Division of the New York headquarters of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL). My open public letter to him is available on the Internet. You can judge the meaning and intent of his activities directed at me, and others gathered here, for yourself.



The Frankfurt School's Institute for Social Research: Jewish financed subversion and destruction of Western Civilization and Christianity via Sexual Perversion, Abortion, the Destruction of the Family, and the Deification of the State.

Add to this the revelations in 2008 and 2009 about the **Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) report** for Missouri State Law Enforcement prepared for Federal and State Law Enforcement in conjunction with the **Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai Brith and the American Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**. Kurt Nimmo's essay on March 11, 2009 for *Infowars* is but one of the places where you will find the information on what this MIAC report is, and what it means.

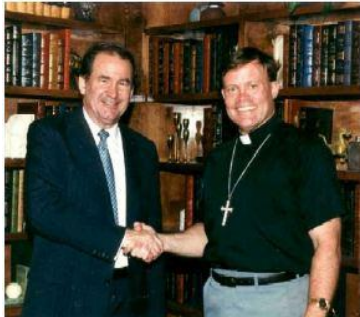


3 American Patriots that Abe Foxman Detests: Michael Collins Piper, Mark Dankof, and Mark Glenn in Washington, D. C.

In a nutshell, the MIAC report expose tells us that the Zionist-driven police state in America has **targeted three (3) groups for profiling and targeting** with harassment and worse. These three (3) groups, according to the MIAC report, constitute **the recruitment base for "domestic terrorism"** in America. It is important that we understand, in truth, that anyone who opposes use of the money and Armed Forces of America for Israel's purposes in the Middle East, Iran, and Palestine, is automatically to be **libeled and Demonized** as a "terrorist," "subversive," "racist," "extremist," or "violence-prone criminal." The first group targeted will not surprise you. It is **Islamic people** living in the continental United States. The second targeted should not be a real surprise either. It is the **Antiwar Movement in America**. But the third group is most revealing: according to the MIAC report prepared in conjunction with the Anti-

Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai Brith, **anti-Zionist Libertarians and Constitutionalists** identified with political candidates like **Congressman Ron Paul, Chuck Baldwin of the Constitution Party** [the party I represented in the United States Senate race in Delaware in 2000], and **Pat Buchanan**, are to be profiled and watched as a potential future danger to the "national security of the United States."

Translation: In the **Zionist inspired lexicon of the American Domestic Police State** that has emerged since September 11th, 2001, anyone who believes that the President of the United States has no moral or Constitutional authority to order the targeted killings of Americans without trial and legal representation is a "terrorist." Anyone who believes that the President and the Federal Government of the United States cannot Constitutionally detain anyone indefinitely without specific charges, legal representation, and conviction in a civilian American court of law, is a "terrorist." Anyone who believes that the Armed Forces of the United States can only be Constitutionally committed to a foreign war by the specific Declaration of War issued by the House and Senate of the United States (Article 1, Section 8 of the American Constitution) is a "terrorist." Anyone who believes that the Government of the United States has no right to order the targeted physical and electronic surveillance of any Citizen of the United States without the demonstration of Probable Cause and a Court Ordered Warrant (the 4th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States) is a "terrorist."



Pat Buchanan and Mark Dankof in San Antonio, Texas. 1995.

And finally, anyone who believes the Zionist State of Israel was founded in terrorism and the ethnic cleansing and defrauding of Palestinians is a "terrorist," along with anyone who believes that Palestinians, Iranians, and other indigenous peoples of the Middle East and Central Asia have what the Founding Fathers of America would have termed "inalienable rights," not to be taken from them because the Talmudic Racial Supremacist Doctrine of modern Zionism defines them as subhuman and inferior to "God's Chosen People."

You now get the idea. The Iranians gathered here today are my brothers and sisters, my friends and allies, in the mutual fight against the tyranny, horror and oppression of **The New World Order**.

And in closing, with God's help, **we shall win**, for our families, our friends, our communities, our churches and mosques, our respective cultures and histories. **At the end of history, Christian and Islamic eschatology agree: The godly shall win, and evil shall be comprehensive defeated and destroyed at a divinely appointed hour. Be sure of this.**

And as I think, wistfully, of my beloved America of bygone days, I am reminded of several writings from your own history which explain to me as a foreigner, the powerful and mysterious allure of your marvelous land, and why I shall always love Iran and the Iranian people.

One takes me back to [my days fishing in Lar Valley](#) in the sunlight of my youth of decades ago, and watching the stunning Persian Night Skies with [my late father](#) after the setting of the sun in the West. At night, I would listen

endlessly to the rushing sound of the river that runs through the Valley like the River of Life that has neither a beginning nor an end.



A River Runs Through Iran's Lar Valley.

The words of **Hafez in the 14th century** come to the forefront of my consciousness at this moment now in Tehran in time and space in history, as they did one night by a campfire in Lar Valley so long ago, when I read the following for the very first time:

**"Lie down beside the flowing stream
And see Life passing by and know
That of the World's transient nature
This One Sign is enough for us."**

A second thought in my journey into the distant past now makes its entrance into the forefront of consciousness at this moment in Tehran I presently share with all of you in time and space at this point in linear history. We retreat from Hafez in the 14th century to the **Persian poet, Ferdowsi in the 10th century**, and the inscription on his tomb near Tus:

"Let not this body live, if there is no Iran."

One last time here today, I offer my profound and humble thanks to the **2nd International Conference of Independent Thinkers (New Horizon)**, the **Iranian Ministry of Culture**, and the **Habilian Association of Iran** for this blessed invitation to be with each of you, and to share our hearts and innermost thoughts and dreams with each other while that is yet possible.

And may God bless all of you, on this special day we shall never lose or forget, either in time, or in the eternity we possess that is yet to be. We are reminded, as I was reminded in an experience [last December](#) on a United Arab Emirates flight from Dubai to Houston that I later reflected upon in an essay, that the evidence of God's existence and His faithful fulfillment of His promises in the past, is a down payment on promises and blessings yet future. **You and I have a future. It is bathed in brilliant and overwhelming Light.** Our mutual struggle for freedom and liberation from the demonic forces of darkness presently on the ascendancy, will be a successful one. We can and must and shall persevere and endure to the end of the race, and the end of linear time.

The final victory is ours. Be sure of this. You and I are on the winning team. And each one of us has a unique contribution to make, as the God of history empowers us and emboldens us to speak the truth in love, with the Blessed Endgame now in sight, and within our grasp.



I bid each and everyone of you a heartfelt "Good Day."
Mark Dankof at KABB-FOX 29 in San Antonio for an appearance on Press TV/Iran's "The Debate."
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General Report of the 1st National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims

Kicked off on August 31, 1981, in Tehran, the 1st National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims was held in two parts: 1. 17000 Victims of Terror, held in the morning. 2. Scientific session of the conference, held in the afternoon.



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Families of terror victims, Ayatollah Khamenei's representative at the Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs, Iran's new Minister of Intelligence, Commander of Iran's Basij Force, special assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a number of members of Majlis, some Tehran-based ambassadors from Islamic and Arab countries including those of Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Jordan, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, UN and Palestine, and a group of university professors and researchers from across the country attended the Congress.

Habilian Association's purposes of organizing the 1st National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims was to:

Honor the 17000 victims of terror in Iran and to pay tribute to the families left behind

Show the variety of terror victims in ethnic, social class and religion

Warn the public and media around the world of the terrorist crimes in Iran and the dangers which it's threatening our nation

Take position against the ongoing crisis in the region and to express concern of terrorism which is threatening the regional peace and security

Submit a general report on the activities of Habilian Association

Ran at the IRIB International Conference Center, the Congress started at 9 o'clock with a recitation from the Holy Quran by Qari Hajj Karim Mansouri followed by the national anthem of Islamic Republic of Iran. Then the speakers delivered their speeches and several families of terror victims were honored afterwards. After that the commemorative stamp of the 17000 Terror Victims, as well as two new songs about the terror victims and a documentary film were unveiled.

Each of the three speakers of the congress commented on the widespread aspects of terrorism in Iran and the fact that Iran is a victim of terrorism and a flag-bearer of the fight against terrorism.

Seyed Mohammad Javad Hasheminejad, Secretary-General of the National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims, whose father, Seyed Abdolkarim, fell victim to a suicide bomb attack by the MEK on September 29, 1981, was the first address the participants.

"We've invited the ambassadors of European countries to the Congress, but they were not willing to attend the Congress

since some of the charges of terrorism are directed at them," he said.

"Among the 17160 martyrs of terror, 12000 have fallen victim to the MKO. In fact most of the assassinations were carried out by this organization.

Referring to the freedom of MKO members in the US and US Congress, Hasheminejad said members of the US Congress are officially supporting these individuals.

Seyed Mohammad Javad Hasheminejad said that Iran's sovereignty is beholden to the great tact and diplomacy of Imam Khomeini and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei and the widespread presence of people, adding "the families of martyrs of terror have a great potential and today the association of children of the martyrs is a specialized center to study terrorism."

"We have attended the Human Rights Council for three times and we've managed to introduce the Islamic Republic of Iran as the victim of terrorism," he added.

He noted that today terrorism also refers to some types other than the physical removal. Destruction of thoughts of a nation is an instance of cultural terrorism.

"The western countries, especially the US have been overtly using terrorism for years in the Middle East, and our country was not immune from this issue."

Despite a previous official confirmation by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Javad Zarif, of his presence in the Congress, he could not appear at the Congress at the zero hour and sent his special assistant, Javad Kachouian, on his behalf to the Congress.

Describing the Islamic Republic of Iran as a victim of terrorism, Kachouian said terrorism is an international problem with complex dimensions which is equipped with knowledge and modern technologies under the umbrella of some western countries.

He also pointed to a string of daily bombings in Iraq and said, "We've always asked the international bodies to clearly state their position regarding the terrorist groups and to avoid the double standards, but they have delisted these groups from their blacklists due to politically-motivated reasons and added the military wing of Hezbollah to their lists."

Kachouian referred to the genocide and displacing the innocent people in Syria as well, adding "today, with the increasing role of people, public opinion and the NGOs like Habilian Association, we are seriously pursuing the rights of families of terror victims in the legal and political domain."

Mohammad Hassan Rahimian, Ayatollah Khamenei's representative at the Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs, was the third who address the attendees at the Congress.

He said Iran faced terrorism since the early days of Revolution, but the apex of these crimes, assassination of martyrs Rajai and Bahonar, was committed by the MKO.

Rahimian went on to say that the MKO perceived these terrorist acts as the most effectual measures which could lead to the collapse of the Islamic regime.

Ayatollah Khamenei's representative at the Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs made a reference to the failed assassination attempt on Ayatollah Khamenei in 1981 and said, "God wanted to save his reserve for the post-Imam Khomeini era so that he steers the ship of Islamic Revolution through severe storms at this time".

He described the US as the state sponsor of terrorist groups and an instance of State Terrorism and added that they are charging the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is the biggest victim of terrorism, with backing terrorism.

Rahimian added that the US charges whoever supports freedom with terrorism.

The first part of the Congress drew to a close with Habilian Association's statement recited by Martyr Hamid Gheibi's sister.

Scientific Session

The scientific session of the First National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims commenced at 2:30 in the afternoon with the following purposes:

Providing a comprehensive and scientific definition of terrorism
Examining the differences between the anti-occupation and liberation struggles and terrorism

Holding a post-mortem of post-Revolution terrorist groups

Analyzing the US state terrorism

Taking the subject to the academic and research centers

This session was based on the papers received by the Secretariat of the Congress. It is noteworthy to mention that the 1st National Congress of 17000 Iranian Terror Victims launched a Call for Papers on mid-May 2013 and July 11, 2013 was the end of the abstract submission.

The papers were submitted from all around the world. A total of 9 papers were written by foreign authors, including Dr. Kevin Barrett (USA), Dr. James F. Tracy (USA), Dr. Franklin Lamb (Beirut), Dr. Fredrick Toben (Australia), Mark Glenn (USA), Mark Dankof (USA), Merlin Miller (USA), Yuram Abdullah Weiler. Out of 289 submissions, 152 papers were accepted by the Scientific Committee of the Congress. Finally amongst the 152 accepted papers, 10 papers were selected as outstanding ones and rewarded in the Scientific Session.

It is worth mentioning that two of the foreign authors, Dr. James Tracy (USA) and Dr. James Tracy, videotaped their papers and sent for the Congress. However, the Organizing Committee could not play the videos for the audience due to the time pressure and the time-taking part in which selected authors presented their papers.

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German think tank protesting Oxford speaker on anti-Semitism

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BERLIN (JTA) — A group of writers and political activists is protesting the choice of Oxford University philosophy scholar Brian Klug as keynote speaker for a conference on anti-Semitism in Europe.

Among the critics' claims is that Klug denies Israel's right to exist. The accusation and others are false, Klug told JTA in a weekend email.

"My attorney has confirmed that the dossier is defamatory and ... I am weighing my options," said Klug, who has been active in British Jewish movements that are critical of some Israeli policies on the Palestinians.

Klug, who has written frequently on anti-Semitism, is the author of the 2010 book "Being Jewish and Doing Justice."

Launched last week, the anti-Klug campaign by the International Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism — a think tank founded and run by political scientist Clemens Heni in Berlin — consists of Heni's preface that Klug "rejects Israel's right to exist" and statements by 16 others released on the group's [website](#). The protesters condemn the conference organizers for inviting Klug.

In his text, Heni accuses Klug of "[denying] that there is a new anti-Semitism [focused on Israel] and ... affirming anti-Israel positions."

Another of the dossier contributors, New York writer Ben Cohen, wrote that he did "not object to the invitation to Brian Klug" but was concerned that his appearance "in a prestigious setting [would] doubtless give his words extra, and likely undeserved, gravitas."

Klug said the dossier misrepresents his views "on several counts." For one thing, he said he does not deny that anti-Zionism can be anti-Semitic.

"My work on 'new anti-Semitism' is intended to help us establish criteria for deciding when it is and when it is not," he said.

Furthermore, though as a philosopher he questions the idea of nationhood in general, "I do not deny Israel's right to exist," he said.

Klug told JTA that he supports a two-state solution, but that he did not understand why it should be "necessary to explain one's views about the Middle East conflict in order to speak at a conference on anti-Semitism."

The conference is scheduled for Nov. 8-9 — the 75th anniversary of the Kristallnacht pogrom against German Jewry — and will take place at the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

Supporting institutions include the Jewish Museum Berlin; the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future; and the Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Berlin Institute of Technology

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The Militarization of Liberalism

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Democracy, Liberalism, Militarism: Capitalist Vitalization

In a previous article, I suggested the three-legged stool – surveillance, assassination, teleprompter – as basic elements of Obama's presidency thus far, which, in creating a unitary framework of repression, characterize a stage in America of incipient fascism, one that, as the police-state dimensions of the first, the flagrant violation of international law, via drone warfare in vaporizing human beings, of the second, and the decorative rhetorical flights to facilitate a cosmetic persona in contradiction to actual policy of the third, become more firmly entrenched, as presently appears likely, incipency will develop further into the structural-psychological-military foundations of authoritarianism, probably not on the European model of fascism, but uniquely America's own. I have no illusions about liberalism in its modern guise: essentially motivated by the rejection of radicalism and offering minor social-welfare legislation as the means of obviating the Left democratization of class, power, and political culture of society, all the while *activating* and protecting capitalism as it assumes monopolistic proportions. Things were obviously simpler in the time of John Locke, where the antecedent property right was transparent and social traits of covetousness were presumably sanctioned by a higher law. One knew where one stood and *why* in the total social order, with ownership of property the defining point about Lockean liberalism. Mention here of that is necessary, because modern liberalism has been so gussied up through propaganda and layers of obfuscation (hence, the teleprompter as shorthand for a brigade of speechwriters on message delivering calculated deception) that its commitment to corporate wealth and, in foreign policy, the National-Security State recedes in the background or is simply taken for granted.

Thus when I refer to the militarization of liberalism, I mean its predisposition to global hegemony, the dedication to Cold War policies, in part, for proving its nonradical credentials, in part, because, in its haste to ward off suspicions of un-Americanism and adopt a posture of super-patriotism, it actually has the conviction that freedom and capitalism are synonymous if not identical, and finally, the gullible belief and pride that capitalist expansion is America's duty to the world. In all of these cases, militarism is the ratifying condition for their respective realization: militarism, however, sanitized, in keeping with the philosophic image of liberalism as a vehicle of progress (to which militarism now conjoined basks in its prestige). And as the ratifying condition, it, in Cold War terms, provides for successfully mounting an offensive against the Left. In terms of political-ideological respectability, liberalism is enabled to ride the coattails of militarism as the sine qua non of Americanism beyond reproach, while in terms of capitalist expansion, militarism, coupled with the exportation of America's ideas and institutions, which it has been assigned the task of facilitating, implies liberalism's moral dimension rooted in exceptionalism, as America's obligation to share its ideological bounty. Liberalism, without its military underpinnings in America, would lose its utilitarian value for rationalizing financial-market penetration and political-ideological global hegemony, not to say, the current mode, humanitarian interventionism. Otherwise, liberalism would be

a toothless tiger, America then requiring a *realpolitik* inviting greater opposition in pursuit of hegemonic goals.

But what, then, of the liberalization of militarism? Most of the foregoing applies, the militarization of liberalism, except that here, where liberalism directly enters the picture as primarily causal, militarism changes not an iota—yet appears other than itself, a righteous force harnessed to a democratic America (and therefore above reproach), while even the semblance of liberalism as popularly conceived has been utterly disemboweled. Its endorsement of militarism confers goodness on the latter while vitiating the former. Example: drone assassination, personally authorized by POTUS, saves lives by not putting boots on the ground—a selfless America does not nuke its purported enemies. Example: CIA-JSOC covert paramilitary operations for regime change liberate people to fulfill their democratic aspirations so they can welcome US investment and the extraction of their resources. Indeed, the whole panorama of international exploitation, often accompanied by naked and devastating force, becomes somehow an ennobling experience for conqueror and victim alike. Hence, militarism, unchanged in its mission of inflicting destruction and death, and, at home, the regimentation of the people, as in diverting attention to consumption, sports, and, when affordable, absolute greed, as well as coming down hard on dissent, is portrayed through liberalism as strength in the service of all that is deemed Holy, the beribboned generals and admirals, the “noble warriors,” the Stealth Bomber, a mightiness that could only come about because of purity of heart and intention as a nation. With America so good, how could its use of force, its numerous interventions, its global military installations, its *humongous* defense budget, be other than morally right? Liberalization of militarism, the structural-ideological manure pile of US exceptionalism, has been a primary agency for American capitalist development, particularly as it applies to foreign markets and a global context of unimpeded penetration.

Liberalism energizes the forces of authoritarianism, as the quickening pulse-beat of advancing market freedom (what in the late 19th-early 20th centuries might be termed, the outward thrust—all innocence wherein expansion politically-mentally substituted for the more accurate designation, imperialism, but an imperialism not of territory but of *trade*), a necessarily dynamic process because connoting rapidity of movement and action fused with the thrill of power leading to the equation of liberalism, modernity, and civilization itself. Ask James G. Blaine, Alfred Thayer Mahan, Theodore Roosevelt, if that were still possible, and one would find the Battleship Navy or the conquest of markets a subject of congratulation for an expansive democratic nation (!), its democracy verified by the competitive edge it demonstrates in international power-politics. That was then, militarism the means of democratic achievement in the popular mind, without which, democracy—lacking the energy equated with liberalism and militarism—would flounder. It is also NOW, though with fewer illusions about democracy except as measured by the strength of capitalism, its putatively sole legitimate vehicle and avenue of expression, which in the global context of today attaches to democracy a geostrategic vision and framework making of

militarism no longer a means but perilously close to becoming an end in itself.

1. Liberalism, Militarism, Capitalism: Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse

In the Obama Era (if we can dignify the period with his name), perhaps more than ever in America, one finds liberalism, militarism, and capitalism marching in *lockstep*, an integrated framework awaiting the necessary cohesion precisely when, now circumstances having dictated their convergence, the US is losing its superpower status in a newly developing multi-polar world, and avidly seeking its restoration. I noted in the previous article that these “global circumstances [chiefly, the political-economic-military rise of China, but also a reinvigorated Russia under Putin, autonomous currency and trading blocs (EU), and emerging, no longer merely Third World, industrializing nations in their own right, notably Brazil] point to America’s asymmetrical posture, declining financial-industrial power, ascending militarism as a way of arresting that decline, the sum of which is measures to postpone or cushion the fall.” America is feeling the pinch—Obama, from the standpoint of rejuvenating a by-no-means terminally ill, but still in declining health on all fronts (not least, obviously, the economic) patient, is, although most conservative power-wielders don’t realize it—YET, the right man, in the right place, at the right time: yes, Our Servant of the Vested Interests.

Liberalism, Militarism, Capitalism, the three horsemen of the apocalypse, galloping into the future, work so well together, are so mutually compatible, in the American setting, that it is difficult to distinguish at times which of these is the decisive or motivating force driving the presumed engine of progress. Here I would like to call attention to liberalism, if for no other reason than that the other two can be taken for granted as the society’s structural foundation, requiring only its ideological energization, as supplied by liberalism, to propel the US headlong in its hegemonic pursuits and ambition. Other nations, at least in the past, have credited an ascribable reformism, whether or not they liked it, to liberalism, as in its Good Neighbor mode under the New Deal, or more pointedly Wilsonian internationalism. By now, though, its fusion with militarism and capitalism has become so well known as not to fool anyone but Americans themselves, absent of course those guiding policy, expansion, intervention, military-alliance formations, joint-maneuvers, all the nuts-and-bolts of viable imperialism. When we say liberalism, therefore, it must first be properly qualified to mean, not some vague political territory Left-of-Center dedicated to social-welfare measures having an equalitarian direction, but *property*-centered (as more than Macpherson’s excellent formulation of “possessive individualism,” itself primarily consistent with and applicable to its Lockean origins, and not on its face dependent on military power) for starts, with sophisticated efforts to achieve harmonious class relations while not undermining the foundations of wealth and power in the corporate structure and society’s upper strata, all tied to an expanding capitalism which can rely on government and the military for security. In that case, militarism and capitalism do not come in through the back door but constitute the *raison d’être* for making liberalism practicable as an hegemonic tool.

2. Transitioning to Foreign Policy: Obama’s Pacific-First Strategy

Taking seriously Obama’s geostrategic framework (coinciding with the wider geopolitical framework, because in both cases sphere of influence and global ambition are at one), not as though it is really *his*, but the product of evolving policy-making over at least two decades, with presently as warlike a

bunch of national-security advisers, counterterrorism “experts,” CIA roustabouts (instead of dismantling circus tents, dismantling countries)—enough to make Dr. Strangelove salivate—as to bring it to fruition, one finds the realignment in foreign policy now at hand, the Good Fairy Godfather making it, again under liberalism, perfectly legit. One turns with full attention to China and the Far East in general as America’s predestined—harking back to 19th century Manifest Destiny, still very much with us, entwined with both liberalism and exceptionalism—area of dominance, wish-fulfillment struggling to achieve reality. Let’s therefore come up to speed, the events of the last week, with the overall preceding context still in mind. Obama’s Pacific-first strategy, the famous “pivot,” or more fashionable Pentagonese, a “rebalancing,” of military assets, has been cooking for at least two years, this simultaneous with the Middle East still at center stage—and the ubiquitous counterterrorism campaign if not worldwide then at least focused on Pakistan, Yemen, Somali, etc. America is clearly overextended, its military budget barely keeping pace with its grandiose so-called commitments.

Enter China, waiting in the foyer of the American mindset until the proper time. What this suggests is, first, the Obama administration is tilting away from domestic to the more comfortable and seemingly productive realm of foreign policy (it had accomplished much that it had set out to do: deregulation, promotion of monopolism, the maintenance of class differentiation of wealth and power, carried over in the failure of job creation and failure to strengthen the social safety net, especially in light of widespread poverty and unemployment, and more-than-generous support of the military budget), and second, its and Obama’s own personal exasperation and frustration with the Middle East, as though, having nailed down a formidable presence in the region, centered on safeguarding Israel’s security, including threats made to Iran, there wasn’t much more to be done except holding the line, stasis, not dynamism, in the execution of policy, a not very attractive option for the display of American force, in which the long-term perspective implies a bogging down, to be avoided where and when possible. The Middle East would not be abandoned, but there were more important fish to fry—a Far East beckoning America for multiple reasons. Here the convergence of liberalism, militarism, and capitalism bears fruit in the focalization of military power. Team Obama perceives China as the principal challenge to American global power. Putin’s interference with the US bombing of Syria was an unwelcome interruption, but Russia, Europe, the Middle East, all seemed passé in comparison with the challenges posed by the Far East, and not least, also the economic opportunities of “serving” a vast market-area and protecting our “friends and allies” in the Pacific region. Ergo, the accelerated push to implement the Pacific-first strategy witnessed in the last few days. Somewhat thwarted in the West, America turns to the East, inviting confrontation by its actions, almost as if to replicate a Middle East in the Far East, with South Korea the Israel of the Pacific. Sound mind-boggling? No, the US thirsts for action as the lifeblood of systemic growth, or, realistically, maintenance and/or preventing further systemic devolution, in which case the Far East opens a vista in which our three horsemen of the apocalypse can wander freely in green pasture while giving evidence of American prowess, to reinforce, vital to the US’s identity, the ideology of strength-via-exceptionalism.

3. Transpositional Context, Old to New Cold War: Search for Reinvigorated Capitalism

The scene is ready-made for a replay of events of an earlier time, the Cold War, regurgitated in the new setting, yet with the principal actors as standing in for the old players—and in spirit, amorphously, the older theme of anticommunism refurbished, now, as counterterrorism. However illogical all of these associations, given the different social forces and stages of development involved (which is why history does not exactly repeat itself), the mental-set receptive to such a transposition of periods, enemies, and conflicts, far longer in the making than the Pacific-first strategy, is inscribed so deeply in the American psyche, riddled as it is with xenophobia, ethnocentrism, and an authoritarian bent favoring leadership in all its forms, that its having been taken hold by the nation at large makes perfect sense in the search for *new* modes of invigoration and the exhibition of power. Here then we see the accounts of the flurry of diplomatic activities of this past week, and as I wrote this I imagined a precocious nine-year-old asking, Why are diplomatic missions centered on building military alliances? For Secretary of State Kerry and Secretary of Defense Hagel, the question strikes home, their tours of duty, if you will, having nothing else but that, and afford insight into what the military configuration is intended to be, with China paired with North Korea today's axis of evil (the perceived threat from each multiplied by combination with the other) and Japan encouraged to rearm—something the Abe government is delighted to hear—as a security partner facing down both North Korea and China. This is not to forget the Philippines, which is seen by military planners as a staging area for the employment of air and naval power par excellence—here, as with the others, China always in the cross-hairs (with North Korea, because somehow more feared as a supposedly loose cannon, advantageously brought in to further—guilt by association—the menacing image of China).

If the US, in large, represents the comprehensive pattern of global counterrevolution, China and the Far East can be subsumed therein, but in a special way seldom seen before: Anti-communism no longer fits the bill, and as I shall point out, testimony on the best authority, our capitalist bosom friend, Paulsen, among other things architect, as Treasury Secretary under Bush, of the notorious bank bailout, and, of course, president of Goldman Sachs, is high on China's capitalist dimensions and future prospects, so that counterrevolution has reference to *intracapitalist* rivalries as well as that between capitalism and socialism. This makes the Obama attraction to confrontation with China that much more difficult to decipher, as though power *sui generis* has become a self-devouring end in its own right, even capitalism now pressed into its service, and militarism, by definition, elevated still further in national esteem and patriotic fervor. These guys play tough. The more capitalism is assumed and taken for granted, as in the case of Obama, the more justifiable becomes the use of force in its growth and protection, a reification, as Marxists might have it, of capitalism already replete with militarism as central to its composition. In that case, we have left John Locke and Adam Smith far behind. New men and women (a bow to Susan Rice and Samantha Power, warriors supreme in the name of Humanity) are wanted and feel fully up to the task of arresting America's global military-political decline and, though the connection is only dimly made, also, at home, the structural-financial dislocations of the system as a whole.

In that way, the National-Security State can be preserved, the military budget stuck in the stratosphere, surveillance kept up round-the-clock with scarcely a whimper, in sum, the

preservation of America as we have come to know it, *business as usual*, warts and all, including intervention, targeted assassination, an alarming growth of Executive Power, yet, with that much consolidated, also the platform for striking out in what may prove a qualitative step (I hesitate to say, forward). Obama's Pacific-first strategy is quite possibly the first movement in the orchestration of the authoritarian path to which the United States is being led, this over and above wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, covert activities worldwide, surveillance, secrecy in government, and other increasing signs, economic, ideological, psychological, of a disturbing nature. We've seen major activity taking place in the last week, non-determinative in themselves yet more than worrisome in making Pacific-first, alias, the pivot, alias, rebalancing, an irreversible course of action fraught with danger that we might all be blown to smithereens and if not, witnessing the drastic curtailment of civil liberties. October 2-3, Hagel and Kerry (Cohn and Schine of McCarthyism fame now updated), sent on missions to the Pacific, have under the guise of diplomacy actually enmeshed America still further than before in a self-chosen, military-inspired framework of Far Eastern confrontation, with the avowed purpose of containing China and ensuring support for leaders in the surrounding countries (North Korea naturally excepted) who conform to US policy-dictates—the works: drone bases, naval installations, army and marine encampment, and, if other interventions—we can call this *that*—be our guide, status-of-forces agreements exempting servicemembers from local civil and criminal prosecution.

4. China, as American Psychological Construct: Enemy Required for Achieving Moral Vindication

In various forms, most notably, the Open Door, the "pivot" strategy has been around for a long time, but not specifically as the shift of attention from Europe to the Far East, and rather, Asian markets had been prized in their own right, especially as Europe and the Middle East, until World War I, appeared already taken up by other Powers, including the British and Ottoman Empires. If the Caribbean was viewed as an American Lake, the Pacific also implied US custodianship, at least as a goal. Thus, Asian markets were seen as an object of fascination building well-before Obama's time, this fascination, in the late 19th century underwritten by naval power (Mahan, TR, the historian Frederick Jackson Turner, all pressing for the Battleship Navy), and continuing through to the present, with the application of the domino theory to Vietnam less an exception than an explicit power- rather than market-orientation. Nevertheless we see, despite continuities of interest, a basic difference now, which can be ascribed to America's own fall from grace at the top of the pyramidal structure of world power. Markets, of course—capitalism never turns a blind eye to maximizing its advantages. Outsourcing as well—American manufacturing searches for the rock-bottom with respect to labor costs to increase its profits.

Yet China looms still larger in the American policy-psyche as somehow the key to US rejuvenation and moral vindication, a Garden of Eden of youthful capitalism on the prowl for market opportunities, not the senescent mature phase content with ever-slimmer pickings as China makes successful inroads into Latin America and Africa while secure in its home market. Confrontation with China seems a *must* if the US is to hold its place in the world.

Jean-Paul Sartre, in "Portrait of the Anti-Semite," digging into the psychodynamics of this social disease, said that if there were no Jews, the anti-Semite would have to *invent* them, in order to feed and sustain his phobias and hatreds. In like

manner, I believe that China is America's salvation, even more than the Soviet Union in the decades following World War II: If China did not exist, we would have had to invent it. Functionally, it feeds our appetite for orthodoxy, conformity, hatred of difference—the operant word all these years, anticommunism—by casting *our* phobias and hatreds into the moral (?) light of self-righteousness. To be more exact, China, like Russia before it (despite Mao and the Chinese Revolution, and the China Lobby, the AIPAC of its day in trying to shape opinion, Americans were not condemnatory about China in the way that we were about the Soviet Union until perhaps the 1980s), and the Cold War taken as a whole, served to unify the nation so that its internal trends of monopolization, militarization, and the relative impoverishment of the populace (for the bottom 20%, absolute, not relative), can continue unabated, free alike from socialism, workers' movements, an independent Left demanding a welfare state and the public control of industry and banking.

Whether as invention or demonization, China *does exist* so that neither of the two is rational, however viable in launching the Pacific-first / pivot / rebalancing strategic framework, itself both liable to open a can of worms, and also, inadvertently, shed light on the further social-control tinkering at home in the more visible realm: can of worms—tensions conceivably leading to a massive land war, or more likely, thermonuclear war; social-control tinkering: manipulation, similar to the treatment of China, of the psychodynamics of counterterrorism to engender the mood of political conformity and, via a sub-rosa antiradicalism in all things, encourage the shrinkage of the ideological spectrum, practically eliminating the Left altogether. Because China does exist, America, with that target before us, can now once again entertain the idea of war, war preparations, or, as is already happening (with or without China in view, but much easier and accomplishable *with*), even a mental habituation to a state of readiness. What I referred to in a previous article, incubatory tyranny comes into its own

5. Pacific-First, Panetta's Trial Run:

"Enhanced [Military] Capabilities to this Vital Region"

Never was a Nobel Peace Prize so ill-deserved. Before this most recent step of the Big Launch into Asia, one should recall Obama's preliminary move, his Defense Secretary at the time, Leon Panetta, on a trip to the Pacific, June 1, 2012—more than a year ago, a scouting trip to buttress military alliances, signal America's military-determination to be a, if *not* the regional power, and, by enumerating the "assets" planned and to be put in place, scare hell out of China (it didn't work!). Jane Perlez, writing in the *New York Times* on that date, the article accurately if menacingly titled, "Panetta Outlines New Weaponry for Pacific," states that Panetta, "seeking to persuade a skeptical audience of Asian officials here [Singapore] on Saturday that the United States is committed to *enhancing its military presence in the region* despite coming budget constraints, unveiled the most detailed inventory to date of planned new weapons for the region." (italics, mine) So much is interesting: the acknowledged objective, a military presence, the detailed revelation of weaponry, but also, a theme recurring up through today, that despite budget constraints, which most worried "Asian officials" that Obama was not serious, hence their skepticism, Panetta was there to reassure them that constraints notwithstanding, the military budget, at least here, would not be stinted. We see, then, the underside of sequestration—social safety net, sure, military needs, implementing the Pacific-first strategy, no (and as a general

proposition, compared with social programs, the Pentagon would suffer little).

Panetta was loquacious, Father Christmas in bestowing the goodies of war. First the reconfiguration of naval forces, "from a 50-50 split between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific to 60 percent of the Navy's assets assigned to the Pacific Ocean." This may not seem earth-shaking, but I cannot emphasize enough how aptly the "pivot" fits into a renewed (measured by the earlier Cold War) militarism which, with the overlay of counterterrorism and surveillance, and yes, the Manning and Snowden revelations, portends if not a sea-change in the American polity, at least the authoritarian pathway already noted. Nor was a 60-40 split chickenfeed, for as Perlez summarizes: "The renewed emphasis on the Pacific would involve six aircraft carriers, and a majority of the Navy's cruisers, destroyers, littoral combat ships and submarines. These would be fortified by an increase in the number and size of military exercises in the Pacific, and a greater number of port visits." What China must have been thinking, even before this, one can only guess, and in any case, Panetta's statement surely known to its leadership must have stirred some interest: "Make no mistake—in a steady, deliberate and sustainable way—the United States military is rebalancing and *brings enhanced capabilities* to this vital region." (Italics, mine) Obama is not known to have expressed dissent to this view—obviously his own as well.

War anyone? The article points out, "Among the specific new weapons Mr. Panetta mentioned were the advanced fifth-generation aircraft known as the Joint Strike Fighter, the enhanced Virginia-class fast-attack submarine that can operate in shallow and deep waters, new electronic warfare and communications capabilities, and improved precision weapons." Further down: "The new panoply of weapons specially designed for the distances of the Pacific included an aerial-refueling tanker, a bomber, and advanced maritime patrol and anti-submarine warfare aircraft, Mr. Panetta said." The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the commander of the United States Pacific Command accompanied him. And this was 2012, when much thought and preparation had already been given to the rebalancing act.

6. US-Japan Broadened Security Alliance:

Hagel, Kerry, and Japanese Rearmament

Jumping ahead to this past week, we see Hagel stepping into Panetta's shoes without missing a beat, and, if anything, more engaged in Asia as the coming front for establishing America's presence, i.e., confrontational stance, with respect to China, for he—along with Obama, perhaps less so, Panetta—has added greater complexity to the situation: fuller assurances and guarantees to the military alliances, e.g., the Philippines and, significantly, South Korea, because in that case, it was expected to contain the second heinous enemy, North Korea. Perhaps that is why Hagel is spending four days in South Korea—"the longest stay of an American defense secretary in a generation," reports Jennifer Steinhauer in her NYT article, "Back in Asia, Hagel Pursues Shift to Counter China's Goals in Pacific," Oct. 2. She writes, Hagel "is forging ahead with a military agenda that reflects the Obama administration's rising security and economic interests in the region and his own [Hagel's] passions for Asia." Three trips to the region as defense secretary, "after only seven months on the job." He is very much Obama's point man, so much for expecting a change!

At his news conference (Oct. 2), along with South Korea's defense minister, Hagel emphasized, in the reporter's account, that "the Asian rebalance is a priority," and in his own words

provided a succinct statement of what that meant: "You always adjust your resources to match your priorities." Nor, as we've seen, were the resources negligible. A pacifist, he's not. One senses that although China remains of uppermost concern, there is from Panetta to Hagel a policy shift, the pairing of North Korea with China as potential enemies—or, in the language of Washington, potential security threats, for standing at the demilitarized zone, the most provocative symbol of tension, Hagel said, "This is probably the only place in the world where we have always a risk of confrontation. There is no margin of error up here." He is now off to Japan, where the US position is fraught with danger, encouragement of Japanese rearmament.

Steinhauer and Martin Fackler have the story in *The Times* (Oct. 3), "Japan and U.S. Agree to Broaden Military Alliance," a hoped-for policy among American defense specialists and national-security advisers for quite some time, in anticipation of Japan's role in the containment of China, but now accelerated with Hagel and Kerry "meeting with their Japanese counterparts" and signing on that day a specific agreement. The reporters' opening statement says it all: "The United States and Japan agreed on Thursday to broaden their security alliance, expanding Japan's role while attempting to show American determination to remain a dominant presence in the region." This, in response to "growing challenges" from China and North Korea. The details are chilling: "The agreement calls for construction of a new missile-defense radar system in Japan, deployment of American drone aircraft here for the first time and joint efforts to combat cyberattack threats, among other steps." Assurances were given that Pentagon budget-cuts would not alter the "security alliance," and that the US looked with favor on Shinzo Abe's effort to "put his country on a more equal footing [i.e., its "military capabilities"] with its longtime military protector." As Hagel put the matter, "Our bilateral defense cooperation, including America's commitment to the security of Japan, is a critical component of our overall relationship, and to the Obama administration's rebalance to Asia-Pacific." This meant involvement in the dispute over "a group of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea," in which the US would have Japan's back. The agreement also allowed the US "to place a new X-band radar system" near Kyoto, "to better protect both countries against military threats from North Korea." There was more, concerning military hardware, and the possibility of changing the "pacifist Constitution" so that Japanese forces could fight alongside those from the US.

John Kerry, who appears, like Tony Blair to Bush, as Obama's lap dog, made this statesmanlike pronouncement: "Our relationship has never been stronger or better than it is today. We are continuing to adapt, however, to confront the different challenges of the 21st century." What might those challenges be? He added, "A rising China is welcome as long as that China wants to engage according to international standards." With statesmen like these, who needs generals? I see incubatory tyranny, possibly even painless (to all but those who dissent), ever closer; and, regrettably, under the banner of liberalism. But let's continue, for no mention has yet been made of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, presumably one that is in the spirit of Wilsonian-liberal free trade, yet another entrepot for US power and influence in the region, military and economic alike.

7. Trans-Pacific Partnership:

Economic Stalking Horse for Military Predominance

Trans-Pacific is actually a good deal worse than one imagines. Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch,

and Ben Beachy, its research director, have written an article in *The Times*, "Obama's Covert Trade Deal," back on June 2, 2013, which, if taken seriously (apparently it has not been), would or should have stopped it in its tracks—and exposed the hollowness of Obama's liberalism, as conventionally understood. *Secrecy* fits nicely into the jigsaw puzzle of authoritarianism, along with surveillance and other measures which violate the principles of democratic government, and in this case it is Trans-Pacific's most prominent feature. Wallach and Beachy pull no punches: "The Obama administration has often stated its commitment to open government. So why is it keeping such tight wraps on the contents of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the most significant international commercial agreement since the creation of the World Trade Organization in 1995?" Good question—a "covert trade deal"?

One's initial guess as to why, consistent with other precedents established by Obama, is that in the guise of a trade agreement the US is attempting to impose conditions on the region, including on non-trade matters as well, which cover all bases on political-economic hegemony, thereby accomplishing two things: the projection in detail of constraining practices, uniformly applied, that conduce to the welfare of American capitalism; and the projection of power in the form of a tightly woven sphere of influence that, although not strictly part of the agreement, would have military significance in the campaign to isolate and contain China. If I might suggest, good trading partners make good military allies, as in the discussions to create a trade agreement with EU members currently underway. What emerges with Trans-Pacific goes beyond the economic factor per se, to what appears as a relationship of dictated power and dependence, what in franker times we labeled as imperialism, and although Obama is not often shy about the practice itself (never admitting its true nature) the reason for secrecy is compelling: the stench reaches even off the page; secrecy because the agreement's provisions cannot stand the light of day.

8. Detailed Provisions, Anti-Regulatory, Benefiting US Capital

The writers state: "The agreement, under negotiation since 2008, would set new rules for everything from food safety and financial markets to medicine prices and Internet freedom. It would include at least 12 of the countries bordering the Pacific and be open for more to join." Significantly, Congress, which has "exclusive constitutional authority to set the terms of trade," has been excluded from the trade process, its members denied "repeated requests...to see the text of the draft agreement" or even "to attend negotiations as observers," a clamping down of secrecy extended to "other groups" affected by the rewriting of "broad sections of nontrade policies," their demands for the public release of the "nearly complete text" rejected. Even the Bush administration, the writers point out, "hardly a paragon of transparency, published online the draft text of the last similarly sweeping agreement, called the Free Trade Area of the Americas in 2001."

Secrecy, however, is highly flexible. One set of rules applies to Congress and the people, another to mega-business and banking—again faithfully following the Obama paradigm of selective treatment of the wealthy and powerful. They note, "There is one exception to this wall of secrecy: a group of 600 trade 'advisers,' dominated by representatives of big businesses, who enjoy *privileged access* to draft texts and negotiators." (*Italics, mine*) The stench is getting greater, for slipped into a trade agreement are matters which, for this colossal region (equal to or greater than other spheres of

influence), define rules of conduct the mirror-image of what Obama has done for, or rather *to*, salient features of the US political economy. "This covert approach," they continue, "is a major problem because the agreement is more than just a trade deal. Only 5 of its 29 chapters cover traditional trade matters, like tariffs or quotas. The others impose parameters on nontrade policies." Here I may be overly suspicious, but I detect the following strategy: Place in the agreement desiderata not yet achieved in the US, thus forcing changes here—obviously unpopular, that might not otherwise take place—so as to stay in compliance. They say as much, in a single sentence: "Existing and future American laws must be altered to conform with these terms, or trade sanctions can be imposed against American exports." It is hardly likely that we would draft provisions that would hurt ourselves.

One area dear to American capital is copyright protection. In early 2012 there was heated debate over the Stop Online Piracy Act, which would have penalized "even the most minor and inadvertent infraction of a company's copyright," creating an "uproar" which "derailed the proposal." No longer. The case is instructive of corporate planning onto a wider plane: "But now, the very corporations behind SOPA are at it again, hoping to *reincarnate its terms* within the Trans-Pacific Partnership's sweeping proposed copyright provisions." (Italics, mine) If you are temporarily stalled at home, enlarge the playing field, force others into obedience, and celebrate with victory at home. It gets worse—although the writers fail to make any connection whatever, Trans-Pacific makes a mockery of Obama's health care plan by the protection it affords to mega-pharmaceuticals in preventing restrictions on price-maintenance (the industry representatives influencing the drafting process). Incidentally, we see how the writers cracked the secrecy walls: "From another leak, we know the pact would also take aim at policies to control the cost of medicine. Pharmaceutical companies, which are among those *enjoying access* to negotiators as 'advisers,' have long lobbied against government efforts to keep the cost of medicine down. Under the agreement, these companies could challenge such measures by claiming that they undermined *their new rights* granted by the deal." (Italics, mine)

As for outsourcing, they write: "And yet another leak revealed that the deal would include even more expansive incentives to relocate domestic manufacturing offshore than were included in Nafta—a deal that drained millions of manufacturing jobs from the American economy." Take that, liberals and progressives, into your pipe and smoke it! Yet Obama remains untouchable in those quarters. Nor, in this itemization, would one want to leave Wall Street out—for what is an Obama /Democratic program without partiality on that end, in this case the internationalization of exotic financial instruments, as if 2008 had never happened? Thus they write: "The agreement would also be a boon for Wall Street and its campaign to water down regulations put in place after the 2008 financial crisis. Among other things, it would practically forbid bans on risky financial products, *including the toxic derivatives* that helped cause the crisis in the first place." (Italics, mine)

At some point, Congress will have to vote, at which time the text would be made public. "So why," they ask, "keep it a secret?" And their answer, which bears on Obama's enlargement of Executive Power, as well as his deviousness (no disrespect intended!), is this: "Because Mr. Obama wants the agreement to be given fast-track treatment on Capitol Hill. Under this extraordinary and rarely used procedure, he

could sign the agreement before Congress voted on it. And Congress's post-facto vote would be under rules limiting debate, banning all amendments and forcing a quick vote." Even Mayor Daley in his heyday would have blushed at such ramrod tactics. Wallach and Beachy close: "Whatever one thinks about 'free trade,' the secrecy of the Trans-Pacific Partnership process represents a huge assault on the principles and practice of democratic governance. That is untenable in the age of transparency, especially coming from an administration that is otherwise so quick to trumpet its commitment to open government." But why be surprised? When I speak of Obama's incubatory tyranny I have examples like this in mind, in and of themselves not definitive, yet that they can happen puts us on notice of the need to correlate the cases, examine the underlying interrelatedness, and, above all, recognize even a single one—be it assassination, surveillance, or deregulation—would not be possible without summoning the full political-institutional structure of society to bring it forward.

9. Obama's No-Show:

The Military Card, Little Else to Offer

Trans-Pacific does not occur in a policy-vacuum; it is intimately related to the military-alliance systems being negotiated by Hagel and Kerry. Obama ducks the pending conferences, pleading domestic issues, the shutdown and debt-ceiling battles, are keeping him away. That is just as well, with Hagel and Kerry his emissaries saving him the potential embarrassment of being identified with probusiness measures when the terms of the agreement and how they were arrived at are finally revealed, although to his credit (or blame) Obama does not embarrass easily, merely instead grows more petulant and vindictive. I think the deeper reason for Obama's not showing up is his fear of going head-to-head with Xi Jinping, who has far more to offer the Asian Pacific countries and greater resources for doing so. China already is running circles around the US in Africa (as I've written before, noting for example the soccer fields and municipal amenities under construction—no questions asked), and I assume that Obama, for reasons of American demandingness and blatant rudeness, has little to fall back on except the military card. Trans-Pacific, in maximizing American self-interest, will not stand up to alternative modes, the Chinese model, of modernization and development.

Jane Perlez, the *Times* reporter in Beijing, carries our analysis a step further by her article, "Cancellation of Trip by Obama Plays to Doubts of Asia Allies" (Oct. 4), in which she focuses on Asian Pacific leaders and governments all too eager to come under the US defense umbrella, therefore willing partners in an American-defined trading framework and alliance system, whatever, I surmise, their peoples might wish to the contrary. Their criticism of Obama might have been scripted by Netanyahu for all the bravado and belligerence they display, stating that Obama cannot be trusted against China when he is squeamish about bombing Syria and apparently folding on Iran. Obama of course wants to prove them wrong; in reading their responses, these leaders and academics in the region give one the sense that he and his national-security advisers are preaching to the choir, a common mindset of Reaction holding both groups together. This makes Xi's diplomatic triumphs all the more surprising and interesting, as though even those in our proverbial pocket know there will ultimately be a day of reckoning.

Perlez writes that as Obama "made apologetic calls to Asia to cancel his trip," Xi "was taking a star turn in some of the same

countries Obama would have visited." He "became the first foreigner to address the Indonesian Parliament, offering billions of dollars in trade" to that country, and then went on to Malaysia, which was hosting the two Asian summits that Obama had planned to attend, a cancellation making Asians wonder if the US "will be a viable counterbalance to a rising China." Not only "Obama's U-turn on intervention in Syria," but his failure to put down the revolt of the House, counted against him in their eyes. By not standing up to China, "Asian officials" feared, "the gravitational pull of China's economy [would be] increasingly difficult to resist." The Philippines appears Rightist even by Asian standards, as can be seen in the question posed by an adviser to its Congress: "How can the United States be a reliable partner when President Obama can't get his own house in order?" The questioner doubts that the US is "really in the position to come to our aid in the event of a military conflict." More of the same from others, though not surprising, because the views represented are expressed by those who have been carefully cultivated through contact with American aid and other programs. One official (Singaporean) was frank "in rare public criticism" of the US, stating that it was "not exerting sufficient countervailing economic influence."

10. China:

The Long-Haul Strategy for Regional Influence

Here the battle is joined. In the US, "countervailing economic influence" is a nonstarter, because the influence preferred affecting foreign policy is military rather than economic, and, insofar as economic, the strings attached are not calculated to win hearts and minds. In contrast, as Perlez relates, China has "mounting investments in Southeast Asia," as in establishing "a \$50 billion Chinese infrastructure bank, to rival banks influenced by the United States." Our Singaporean called these investments "no longer 'just a matter of business' but 'a core Chinese interest,' as if to emphasize partly noneconomic factors at play—not military, I should think, but ideological in character, in which "infrastructure" suggests forging alignments based on common interest and harmonious relations. I may be wrong in portraying Chinese intentions in this light, but selflessness doesn't have to enter. Stable relations, founded on improved conditions, does. In sum, "a core Chinese interest" implies the longer-term view (one that we see in China domestically in its willingness to tackle such challenges as the massive campaign of urbanization). In this context of growing competition between America and China, where exercising power and influence in Asia characterizes the ambitions of both, it would be well to remember Perlez's point that this "is not to say the United States will lose its standing in the region it has long dominated anytime soon." And to underscore the point, she adds: "The presence of tens of thousands of American troops in Japan and South Korea, and naval fleets roaming the Pacific, add to that projection of power."

This past week Hagel's visit to South Korea and Japan and Kerry's to Japan were "for talks to beef up the American alliances with those two countries," in Japan, especially, agreements being signed allowed "the deployment of drones there for the first time," and implied support for "Japan's slow but steady moves to strengthen its once powerful military." The rearmament of Japan surely must have worried China and other nations with memories of World War II, a factor which, despite pro-American feelings of conservative regimes, created a sense of ambiguity to their policy-making. Indonesia is a good example, where, according to Rizal Sukma, director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, initial

mistrust was giving way to a favorable view: "I would call Indonesia's attitude towards China now as 'a display of growing comfort amid persistent ambiguity.'" While "it values economic opportunities offered by China," it remains "anxious" about China's intentions. The observation has value, and whether or not there is criticism of the US, fear of Chinese expansion is real. Yet the economic factor is beginning to carry greater weight. In Xi's Jakarta speech he said "China expected to reach one trillion dollars of trade with the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by 2020." According to an Australian economist, "all countries in Asia, except the Philippines, now count China as their chief trading partner."

Obama's failure to attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting on Bali, and then the East Asia Summit in Brunei, meant he was "ceding Mr. Xi plenty of ground." This is important because Obama had planned to push, at the first, for the Trans-Pacific—to which, significantly, the US had "not invited China to join the 12-member group, and China views it as a tool to contain it." Perlez makes clear what one suspects all along. The Trans-Pacific Partnership was conceived to work in tandem with the "pivot" or Pacific-first strategy, less as carrot-and-stick than economic cover for building the military presence in the Far East. Obama, hoping Trans-Pacific would show the policy to be "not only military but economic," was being beaten at his own game, because Xi, in his absence, "will be able to push a counter trade grouping favored by China, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership," which includes more Asian countries than Trans-Pacific and pointedly excluded the US, just as China had been excluded by the other. We'll give the editor of the Jakarta Post the last word: Xi "is winning the hearts and minds in the right places," and even had Obama shown up in Bali, he would have been given a "less warm reception."

11. Quandary:

Is Capitalist Expansion Only for Capitalism?

The Murky Waters of Power

The issue was joined by the existence of these two mutually exclusive trade plans, and in spite of fears of China, Trans-Pacific, shrouded in secrecy, and having the potential threat of military reinforcement on its shoulders, would not have clear sailing, but rather, merely exacerbate tensions between the US and China—*perhaps* Obama's goal from the start. What is vexing, however, is how to interpret America's confrontational posture, over and above the evident attraction of embarking on yet another crusade to unify the American people around war, intervention, and most recent, in the history of antiradicalism in America, the willingness to surrender traditional guarantees of civil liberties while pursuing an agenda of unrestrained capital accumulation. This is a re-play of periods where wealth-concentration made great strides in the past, and "communism" in its various epithetical names, such as labor militancy, was dusted off as a sacrifice to the gods of war and corporate greed while effectively silencing dissent. But even so, the whole opposition to China makes little sense in terms of conventional Left social analysis.

12. Inherent Problems of Conceptualization:

A Psychology of Dichotomization

Here one expects traditional ideological conflict, capitalism vs. socialism, borne out by internal social struggles in America, as for example, the Flint Sit-Down Strike and the history of industrial violence before and, to a lesser extent, since, where working people defending their right to organize were assumed, whether or not true, to be engaged in class struggle (for radicals, the wish was often father to the interpretation), a

conceptualization of conflict also projected onto the international plane. The US affinity for counterrevolution confirms the supposition of a Left-Right confrontation, America usually siding with the Right, so that, as in the Cold War, whenever conflict arose, the dichotomy of forces had for explanation what became a demonization of the Left, with the American public expected to rally to the cause—social patriotism predicated on a deep psychological reservoir of antiradicalism, whether or not the shoe fit. The enemy was treated as monolithic, different, radical. Without the enemy in the guise that we had come to expect, there would be little grounds for antagonism and ideology would lose its powers of persuasion. What then of *capitalist rivalries*, which, internationally, were so evident prior to the Bolshevik Revolution?

There perhaps a different mindset was involved, where capitalist rivalries—the constant factor being capitalism, although reflecting different stages of development—made necessary a nonideological source of conflict, and hence, the transposition of capitalism to nationalism, the fighting nevertheless of equal ferocity. But with socialism, the world changed; the capitalist community became unified at the expense of the outsider, viewed as a common threat to all, and the search was on, within capitalism, to stabilize the world system as the security of capitalism through international political, economic, and financial organizations, both to iron-out difficulties among the peer group *and* exclude the Menacing Other, unless it was willing to play by the rules of the game and gave promise of changing for the better, to become capitalist itself. When Kerry said, “A rising China is welcome as long as *that* China wants to engage according to international standards,” (Italics, mine) he was doing three things: prejudging China as still communist, making “that” China toe the mark, which in turn meant accepting and engaging the (capitalist) world through American-defined ground rules, which no doubt included the absolute sanctity of property, low tariffs, and honoring contracts.

13. Internalizing the Cold War:

China, Socialist Pariah-Scapegoat

A radical analysis could deal with both capitalist-socialist and intracapitalist conflict, but on China, I submit, it fails to deal with the Obama-Phenomenon—not confined to him and his administration, but historically timed so as to warrant the designation in the present situation: namely, a refusal to break through the ideological stereotypes and persist in seeing Red China despite overwhelming evidence of its capitalist dimensions. Radicals therefore, if such analysis were forthcoming, misjudge the stupidity and arrogance of US leadership, even discounting for the changes taking place in China, by—and this is all hypothetical, because by radical I am thinking only of a conventional and consistent Marxist pattern—assuming America’s defense of capitalism was the issue. Not here. Obama leads us on a merry chase by having so completely internalized the Cold War mentality that he is in a rush to confront China as supposedly the ideological enemy, at least thus speaketh my nonexistent writer.

What, though, if China were in fact capitalist? Then all the balderdash (aka, red-baiting) about menace, world danger, communist enslavement of the people (insinuated rather than stated—even in the Kerry statement), would fly out the window, and then where would we be, in mobilizing the people for a state of war, accepting the destruction of privacy in our lives, allowing counterterrorism to shape the national agenda and mentality, and a thousand and one abuses at the hands of the Obama administration? As radicals, we must expose the

nuttness of the conflict, or better, search for its underlying purposes, in which capitalism still plays a vital part, its expansion to the Far East integral to America’s remaining a superpower and avoiding a more precipitate decline than it is already suffering. But I want to take the extra step, looked at askance in a Marxist analysis.

Capitalism does not say it all—even when Obama deliberately misinterprets what he sees before his eyes. China qua communist or socialist is a useful whipping-boy, but as *capitalist* we must be prepared for another interpretation. America is deeply afraid of its fate in the world. The Pacific-first strategy has wider intentions than the isolation and containment of China (itself a tall order beyond US means), the desire for a total configuration of power in which all, China especially, is in economic vassalage to the United States, and with that, ideological-cultural tutelage as well. Humanitarian interventionism fills the bill nicely—when one is dealing with weaker powers, but laughable in the case of China. Although the configuration has to remain nameless (Pax Americana might be good for starters), it has been in the making for two centuries, John Quincy Adams a useful departure point, but never so categorically invested with militarism as the propelling force, as though we have Sultan Obama of the Ottoman Empire now turned more lethal. Be all of the foregoing as it may, the primary fact here is that China has become capitalist, and all of the ideological trappings and delusions that say it has not, whether for purposes of rigid ideology or social-control over the American people, must be stripped away, and frank acknowledgement of Imperialist Ambitions made—then we’ll see how many answer the clarion call of the bugle, or thrill to the flyover of the Stealth bomber at football halftime.

14. Ideological Mindset of Power:

Subsuming Capitalism in Authoritarian Framework

That China is not harboring revolutionary ideas, still less, exporting them to other countries, suggests the US has to re-approach international politics and economics in the global context of intracapitalist rivalries, rather than persist in seeing ideological enemies where they do not exist. Here Obama comes into his own, albeit half-blind, struggling against historical currents, and preoccupied with antiradical culturally inherited intellectual baggage *still* defining the American political culture, eminently qualified to serve as the convenient spokesperson for American capitalism. His Pacific-first / pivot / rebalancing framework, primarily military in execution, with trade advantage secondary, is about *power*, carrying capitalism along with it, yet a framework imprisoned in an ideological mindset which treats capitalism as the means to an end, not an end in itself. For want of a label I see this as an authoritarianism wedded to and dependent on capitalism, but driven by anterior values rooted in and/or reflecting a mélange of discriminatory historical practices which have destroyed the meaning of human life.

Ineradicable moral wrongs have desensitized American capitalism into a primordial social force beyond the need to meet its internal requirements, whether one speaks of surplus value, the declining rate of profit, or the salience of underconsumption. I refer to the heritage of slavery, segregation, anti-Semitism, phobic reactions to socialism, radicalism, industrial unionism, a psychosocial center of ethnocentrism and xenophobia (vivified in historical outbreaks of red scares and lynch mobs) indicative of a whole slew of pathological hatreds borne of invidious class distinctions and rankings, all of which have been integrated into the societal belief-system in shaping economic and political as well as

cultural values. (American historical-cultural development has been more a curse than a blessing when it comes to attitude-formation.) One comes a step closer to the mark: Authoritarianism trumps capitalism in the new dispensation, without modifying its principle features of structural-social hierarchy, differentials of wealth and power, consciously-wrought cruelty to the lower social strata, fear of democratization as the working principle of social organization—hence, America under Democratic leadership in October 2013, Obama’s legacy—with yet more to come.

Varieties of Capitalism: The Enlightenment-Calculation

This need not be; I confess to having sufficient non-Marxist elements in my thinking to see capitalism as a social system of waste and predation, not because of supposed internal contradictions, as cogent as that may be when presented in a wider historical-sociological context, but because of the repression exercised by ruling groups, who control multiple levers of power. Yet, American capitalism has lost its bearings, acting even against capitalism as a world system (its attitude toward other capitalist nations, notwithstanding international corrective mechanisms, as, conquer or be conquered), not to mention its scurrilous treatment of the Other, the catch-all socialism and social movements of change. This descent into irrationality, presently seen in Obama’s Far Eastern policy, but also projected globally, is that the system has incorporated its own *reification of power*. From the standpoint of enlightened capitalism, it has, quite literally, gone off the deep end. Though this process carries capitalism forward, it does two things harmful to itself and with whom it comes in contact, becoming morally and even economically bankrupt in the unreasoning drive for global supremacy, and thus power-hungry, it loses sight of the very internal composition and distribution of capital necessary to a balanced political economy, viz., the defense establishment sucking the lifeblood of commerce while simultaneously eroding the social safety net.

Enlightened capitalism remains capitalism, only more sensible, sophisticated, less war-prone, less given to volatile business-cycle swings, nonetheless, still expansive, exploitative, structurally impaired through the epistemological workings of commodity fetishism, the psychological workings of alienation, and the general impoverishment of culture created by the monetization of creativity itself. So, for me now to introduce Henry M. Paulsen Jr. as a fundamental corrective of Obama’s treatment of China, embodied in the latter’s Pacific-first strategy, but also, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, does not imply endorsement of the views of the former, merely, that here is an obviously skillful perhaps even intelligent capitalist who, rather than sulk in the memory-pool (cesspool?) of anticommunism, or move directly toward armed global hegemony, or pick a fight on any grounds that might offer—all three uncomfortably close to where Obama stands at the moment—enables one to see, first, that confrontation with China need not be inevitable, second, that full recognition of China’s capitalistic reality, and still greater potentiality, requires on the part of the US a very different geostrategic framework, and third, further recognition that the global structure no longer admits of unilateral supremacy and uses of power.

Paulsen is no friend of socialism, nor should one expect him to be—for, in that case, he wouldn’t be Paulsen. But in his NYT article, “China’s Economy, Back on Track,” Oct. 5, he knows and appreciates capitalism when he sees it, and he knows what to look for, as critical areas in the transformation from socialism to capitalism. With that technical grasp (we owe

him that!) in mind, one could say that if Paulsen were listened to seriously, ignoring his past record as Treasury Secretary and leading role in the financial bailout, and rather, just in terms of textual discussion of the article and its possible validity, we would find a *logic* requiring or stipulating that sword-rattling cease, humanitarian interventionism come to a halt (already, directed to China, it would be knocking hopelessly at the wrong door, and hopefully, in vain everywhere else), and all the cant, flummery, and lies to keep the war engine turning cut short and finally abandoned, cast out of the board rooms, yet hardly to be expected, the Situation Room of the White House. For Paulsen, such a process would obviously not be for the purpose of achieving the internal democratization of the American social structure and political economy, nor for renouncing the goals of market penetration and maximum profitability on the international playing field.

Nevertheless, though not his purpose, the analysis allows, objectively, for the argument that recognition of China’s capitalist dimensions and potential for subsequent development in that direction obviates the need for further confrontation (the Pacific-first strategy) on America’s part. In turn, this would mean the avoidance of the train wreck possibly looming between the two countries, and, within America, the collision between enlightened capitalism (were *that* attainable!) and a permanent state of war (the condition I had been describing with respect to the Obama-Brennan methodology of “hit-list” constant revisions in the campaign of drone assassination, in order to bind future administrations) that itself takes on attitudes of permanency with the provocative character of present interventionist policies and psychological as well as economic-monetary attachment to the huge stratospheric defense budget.

The second point, objectively, stemming from Paulsen’s analysis, is that, given China’s capitalist nature, the grounds for America’s posture of confrontation therefore removed or diminished, the ideological *hazewithin* which US policy is conducted is thereby lifted, permitting if not the idea and practice of class struggle (which few really expect), then at least the fumigation or cleansing of the House of Order, i.e., a break in the clouds so that working people can gain a clarified view of exploitation and needless wars. Obama’s passion for secrecy is highly relevant here. The haze which surrounds government (secrecy gives mystery to ideology in ways difficult to explain, enveloping it so as to magnify its importance) prevents the people’s growth of political consciousness in forming independent judgments on his administration’s record across the board, and not only in foreign policy. Surveillance works to serve the same end, the construction of ignorance of the populace.

Sweep out, then, the verbiage of the liberalization of war, which is pulling the rug from under serious dissent, and political consciousness can begin its slow progression upward. Clarity is the enemy of authoritarianism, even when capitalists unwitting bring clarity about through searching for efficiency and the supposed liberation of productive forces, which have nothing to do with workers’ freedom and social democracy. Better a straightout capitalist than a White House charlatan of democracy, who, by chance, also appears to hunger for power. The latter, unlike the former, illumines the Great Paradox: To save capitalism (which he doesn’t believe actually needs saving) and prevent its decline in America, Obama advocates for policies, focused on China, which could lead to the cataclysmic breakdown of the system both nations, coming from different historical starting points, now share. In

this light, Paulsen is a breath of fresh air. (I never thought I would say this, but then again I never thought when I voted for Obama that he would turn out the way that he did—but I was quickly disabused.). He welcomes China to the club, rather than ring military forces around it, negotiate security alliances, conduct military joint-maneuvers, even, only days ago, arrange for the installation of drone bases and missile-defense systems

15. Pragmatical International Capitalism: Nonideological Coexistence in Harmony

Paulsen is not put-off by the auspices, now somewhat of a formality in terms of nomenclature, under which capitalist changes are to be carried out: "Next month, President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Li Keqiang will use an important meeting—the so-called Third Plenum of the Communist Party's 18th National Congress—to unveil China's priorities for reforming economic policy for the next decade." I like the details, no gnashing of teeth here. He anticipates criticism: "Yet because it will probably decide only general policies, leaving the specifics for later, some cynics have already begun to dismiss the reforms as too little, too timid and too late. They note that a decade ago, a previous generation of leaders failed to reduce the influence of state-owned enterprises and to complete the economic reforms of the 1990s." One sees already, the reference to "state-owned enterprises," code for a classic formulation of market fundamentalism (along the lines of Jeffrey Sachs with respect to Russia), *not* my cup of tea, Chinese or otherwise. Nor is Paulsen Cyrus Eaton of a previous generation, a businessman dealing with Russia on a more open basis of respect (there are too few businessmen of Eaton's character, emancipated from all ideological hang-ups, and tolerant—as Paulsen ultimately is not—of genuinely mixed economies), and yet he stands clearly apart, still as an undoubted capitalist, from the Washington defense establishment. This, in light of Obama's proneness to war, has to count for something.

To the naysayers who dismiss the "reforms" (again, think market fundamentalism), Paulson responds to the criticism: "But I believe the prospects for restructuring China's economy—bolstering the role of the market, expanding opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses, allocating capital more efficiently and improving the balance between consumption and investment—are better than at any point since the 1990s. At a time when global growth remains sluggish, *reinvigorating such reforms is more important than ever to the world economy.*" (Italics, mine) Not only does he neither fear China nor seek to put it down, but the italicized portion suggests quite the reverse: looking to China to pull up the remainder of the world economy, hence the indebtedness of international capitalism to its very success and survival. From a capitalist standpoint there are marked differences in the levels of sophistication that have been applied to China and Far Eastern policy, with Obama incapable of perceiving more than a narrow conception of US self-interest (already embodied in his National-Security State) and some of the earlier advisers surrounding Woodrow Wilson (to which I think Paulsen, here, would fit in) in which the theme of internationalism is regarded seriously and with hope, as preferable to traditional imperialist practices of resort to military means of enforcement of trade activities and the building of spheres of influence.

Paulsen waxes almost poetic on China's capitalistic prospects. He writes, "There are four reasons for my optimism," starting with the proposition, "China's leaders clearly understand that their growth model needs to change," to which he adds in

explanation: "In speech after speech, Mr. Xi and Mr. Li have put their political capital on the line by promoting economic reform. They have drawn up blueprints and adopted pilot programs—like a free-trade zone in Shanghai—that will bolster the market and rationalize the allocation of capital, for instance by permitting more foreign competition and greater fluctuation of interest rates." This reads like Econ 101, except that Paulsen is treating with a nation that Obama has in his cross-hairs. Under #1 he continues: "Other reforms, including liberalizing deposit rates, still need to be put in place, but an experiment to liberalize lending rates is a very positive step. So is Beijing's signal that it might *open more sectors of its economy* to competition through a bilateral investment treaty with the United States." (Italics, mine)

(Disclosure: I find disheartening the dismantlement of socialism now occurring, in varying degrees, on a global basis, as also in Vietnam and Cuba, which, because governments and Left parties did not press forward hard enough for still greater socialism, may account for its weakness—to me, the betrayal of a great promise, provided socialist economies did not become dependent on enforced regimentation, e.g., the Cultural Revolution, and, in these societies at large, did not create police-state infringements on civil liberties. In this article, I am not an apologist for China, but I am equally quick to point out that capitalist nations and economies have proven more committed to war than have been Russia and China, whose experience on the receiving end of intervention have made them less expansive, more insular, and generally hostile to intervention in principle. Moreover, capitalist nations have not been immune to violations of civil-liberties and police-state tactics, have also shown cruelty to their peoples, and on social-welfare measures have often been hamstrung by ideological concerns. But not to lose sight of the analysis, I am suggesting that, comparatively, Obama, through the militarization of both liberalism *and* capitalism, is a greater menace to humankind and peace on the planet, because he practiced subterfuge on behalf of a monolithic corporate order, than China, or than the capitalism praised here by Paulsen.]

His second reason for optimism is that "China's new leaders are strong enough to press for change," a surprising twist given the usual association in capitalist thought of socialism and centralization (which is standard business code for economic dictatorship), to which Paulson demurs: "The history of Chinese economic reform suggests that vigorous central leadership is essential." He cites chapter and verse: Deng "was the determined architect behind China's initial reforms in 1978 and their reinvigoration in 1992," and then Zhu, under Jiang Zemin, "pushed through reforms of the taxation system and state-controlled industries that paved the way for China's joining the World Trade Organization in 2001." He sees, however, in the subsequent decade, "reforms stalled" because of the "evaporation of political commitment in Beijing," and now, "the new leaders have signaled that they are prepared to move," to Xi's credit—yes, Xi, opposed to Trans-Pacific and actively undermining Obama's program at the recently concluded meetings on Bali. Paulson accords him respect: "An anti-corruption campaign begun by Mr. Xi demonstrates a willingness to take on even the most politically sensitive pillars of the state-led economy." Not drone bases in Japan or the transfer of major naval "assets" to the Pacific would seem rational from the evidence known to all, but Obama persists in his quest for a showdown with China of some yet unspecified kind—provided the cannons are in place.

Paulson's third reason for optimism practically gives away much of the shop. He admits that China's rate of growth and all-around economic performance have been so commendable and salutary as to be *too much* so, necessitating recognition that they cannot continue, thereby introducing pressures for the consolidation of growth. China, in effect, is now one of us, facing similar problems, yet having escaped successfully the '08 financial debacle (itself, if he contemplated the situation, should, given his intimate connection to the bailout, have made him doubly in awe of Chinese economic planning. Yet he misses the irony involved). Thus, he writes: "China no longer has the luxury to delay needed reforms. China's economic output expanded nearly sixfold between 2002 and 2012, from \$1.5 trillion to \$8.3 trillion, but that growth fostered complacency. True, it weathered the financial crisis through giant spending on public works, but that only put off the day of reckoning."

A *sixfold* increase in a single decade—yet success becomes the argument for putting on the brakes; curiously, he diagrams the experience of the New Deal, of public works and retrenchment, as though fearful a good thing might yield a qualitative leap—hence the day of reckoning, caution, balance: "The presumption that China can simply grow its way out of any problems no longer holds." Paulson does not question, as also did not FDR (witness the recession in 1937), whether the declining public sector was responsible here for the economic slowdown. Instead, he looks for market-reform as a substitute for public works to bring about recovery: "Growth is slowing, inequality has widened, provincial and local government debts have climbed. China's export-oriented sectors face harsh headwinds, from sluggish consumer demand in advanced markets to rising labor costs at home." He might as well, point-for-point, have been describing the US, including, on local government debts, the bankruptcy of Detroit. My point, he is unflappable about market-based solutions for these problems, as soon becomes clear.

Finally, the fourth reason for optimism is the caliber of leadership: "[P]ublic expectations for change are higher than ever. When the new leaders were appointed last year, they were compared favorably to their immediate predecessors"; yet the "honeymoon" for Xi and Li, who took over in November, "is over." And because they "are being measured" against Jiang and Zhu, "the necessity for action is greater." From this point, Paulsen goes into high gear about the virtues of the market, becoming the Jeffrey Sachs of the Far East (still however, while opposed to state planning, which he terms "official fiat," there is no touch of hostility): "Momentum is building for reforms that would introduce market prices for oil, gas and other natural resources so that prices better reflect supply and demand, rather than official fiat." The following is market fundamentalism in microcosm: "Distorted pricing has been one cause of China's energy inefficiency and environmental degradation. Like the new steps toward liberalizing energy prices, Shanghai's new free-trade zone is another positive indicator."

Paulsen wants the whole enchilada: "More is needed—broader access to capital, greater investment options and protections from the risk of haphazard capital flows—if Shanghai is to become a global financial center." What is striking is that he

implies China can do this on its own, no mention being made of assistance from the US or the IMF and World Bank, and in his passing remark on "protections from the risk of haphazard capital flows," he is, perhaps unaware, bring the role of government back on a key matter. He continues the prescriptive account: "A new round of fiscal reforms is likely, leading to more rational allocation of resources between the central and local governments [again, crediting the role of government], which are struggling to rebuild weakened rural pension and health care systems and manage the largest urbanization in a sustainable way, while paying for unfunded mandates from Beijing and maintaining job growth." Despite the market-emphasis, he identifies problems facing capitalist and socialist economies alike, as in the rational allocation of resources and weakened rural pension and health care systems, but it is his allusion to managing the largest urbanization—perhaps the greatest societal challenge anywhere in the world—that, by his recognizing, now earns my respect. He does not underestimate the Chinese achievements, which makes his Times article a useful source in opposing the demonization of China and putative need to isolate and contain it.

Paulsen constructs neither red lines nor timetables: "This vast array of specific reforms can't be achieved at a stroke, and certainly not at a single party gathering. But the decisions likely to be taken in November will set China's economy in a positive—and lasting—new direction." Most arresting is not his "optimism," but the confidence he places in China itself. If one were to pin him to the wall, he might agree with my interpretation of the broader framework. China is an ascending power, the US a declining one, which helps explain the extreme steps taken by the latter to arrest its decline: trade pacts to which are insinuated the threads of militarism, intervention on a global basis, assassination, complemented by a massive program of surveillance internally. Paulsen may well have sensed as much in his closing sentence, in which he acknowledges the *reverse* situation than is commonly supposed. The West, America as its leader, is no longer absolutely dominant in world politics and economics; at the very least, a condition of mutual dependence exists, and, between the lines, one reads that China is looked to for pulling up and saving from disaster the others. Of course, gratitude cannot be expected. Nietzsche long ago diagnosed the problem, in the form of the psychodynamics of the bully, one whose inner fears make him aggressive, spiteful, vindictive, principal characteristics—although he does not say this—for election to the American presidency. Paulsen closes: "Advanced economies, like the United States and the European Union, depend on it [China's economy in a positive—and lasting—new direction] as much as China does."

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